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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1898,

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Term expires 1899.

WM. W. WATERMAN, No. 1 White St.

Term expires 1900.

LEONARD C. COUCH, No. 19 Walnut St.

Term expires 1901.

FRANK L. FISH, No. 9 Rockland St.

Term expires 1902.

WM. REED, JR., No. 44 Summer St.

Term expires 1903.

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SECRETARY.

LEONARD C. COUCH.

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Taunton Green.

ANNUAL REPORT

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PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council:

The Park Commissioners herewith submit their annual report for the year ending November 30, 1898.

At the municipal election held in December 1893, the City by the vote of its citizens adopted the Park Act contained in Chapter 154, Acts of the Legislature of 1882. which states that when a city shall adopt said Act the Mayor shall appoint a Board of Park Commissioners to consist of five members to serve for five years, one to be appointed each year. Said Board shall have the entire care and control of the public grounds or parks of the city.

In the spring of 1894, His Honor, Mayor W. K. Hodgman, appointed the following gentlemen as members of the Board: Charles S. Anthony five years, William Reed, Jr. four years, Leonard C. Couch three years, Edgar L. Crossman two years; and William W. Waterman one year, and they were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. The Park Commissioners then organized by the election of Charles S. Anthony, chairman, and Edgar L. Crossman, secretary.

Mr. Couch served but a short time, then resigned, and Frank L. Fish was appointed in his place. At the expiration of his term each member has been reappointed. The past year Mr. Crossman resigned to accept another position and Mr. Couch a former member of the Board was appointed to fill the vacancy.

After the commission had organized it began to inquire what its duties were and to look for work. Although the statutes implicitly state that the commission shall serve without pay, it did not desire to be a nonentity, a board without a mission. In consulting with the City Solicitor, Hon. Charles A. Reed, the only available spot of ground that it could work upon was the land around Woodward Spring, situated four and one half miles out on Norton avenue. There are about six acres of this land, left by will to the city in 1891 by Stimpson H. Woodward to be used as a public park. It is beautifully situated on the banks of the Three Mile river and contains a never-failing boiling spring, which has fine medicinal qualities.

The first duty was to go out and locate the same, which the commission did accompanied by his Honor, Mayor Hodgman. After which they notified the City Council of their action and called for an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the purpose of improving and beautifying the spring and grounds, which were in a very poor and dilapidated condition. The appropriation was readily voted by the City Council. We then commenced our work. First we took out the cobble stones around the spring, cut down the old decayed trees which hung over it, placed some new ones instead, we set some



View of Woodward Spring Park.

flag stones on either side making a square box of the spring and then placed a large granite cap on top, which very much improved the spring and its surroundings. We also built a substantial pair of stairs from the spring to the plateau above, also a small summer house, and cleaned up the grounds generally. At the end of the year we had left from our appropriation \$1.97.

In 1895 we further continued to improve and beautify Woodward Spring Park by setting out sixty young maples on the hill, to take the place of the old oaks and pines which eventually will have to come down. We having already removed a number of the largest ones that were dead, and trimming many others. This year we expended \$298.68 on the grounds.

In 1896 we expended \$139.39. We also appointed Charles Hill as an officer for Sundays during the months of July and August, not for the reason that there had been any unnecessary noise or disturbance, but to insure quietness and peace for those who desired to visit the place for recreation and enjoyment. From that time to the present not a single arrest has been made on the grounds. Chester B. Wilber was given permission to erect a small building at his own expense for the sale of light refreshments, for which privilege he was to keep the grounds clean.

In 1897 we expended only \$81.37. Our reason for not expending more was from the fact that an electric road from Taunton to Norton was being talked of, which would run nearly past the park. It was thought best not to lay out a great deal of money until the electric should become an assured fact; then we should need a more extended and permanent improvement of the grounds.



Spring at Woodward Spring Park.

In the summer of 1898 work actually commenced on the road, but cars were not running until the last of August, nearly the end of the season. But during the short time that remained many people availed themselves of the electrics to visit the spring and park, who had never seen the grounds before, and were very pronounced in their expressions of praise and admiration for the beautiful spring and its surroundings. Heretofore it could only be visited by private carriages and bicycles, which at times were very numerous. While the electric cars do not run directly by the park they stop at Woodward's corner about one minute's walk from the entrance.

Before another season we desire to make many decided and permanent improvements about the park to make it attractive to our citizens. Plans are already being made by City Engineer, George A. King, and the commissioners rely on the generous action of the City Council to aid them in carrying out these plans. We propose to make it a city park in its truest sense, so that any well-disposed of our citizens can visit the park for recreation and enjoyment with the utmost confidence that good order will be maintained; especially do we intend to make it a desirable place for women and children for an outing.

Adjoining the park and running to the N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R., and to the river, there are about twenty acres of land well covered with wood well adapted for a park of hills and valleys, formerly belonging to the estate of the late Henry Harvey, now owned by Manuel Silvia. It would make a valuable addition to the park as it could be reached either by steam or electric cars. The Commissioners have looked the land over and would like to have the

city own it, but they do not feel justified in recommending the City Council to purchase it at the price held by the owner. We hope at no distant day to see a substantial iron bridge placed across the river near the entrance on Norton Avenue.

The movable property now owned by the city at the park consists of three settees (though there are a number of stationary seats on the grounds), four benches, two 8 ft. tables and one rope swing.

In December 1896, the City Council passed an ordinance as follows: Section 1. The Park Commissioners of the City of Taunton shall have the care, control and supervision of all its parks and commons, including the "Green" now established, set apart used and occupied as such, and of all its parks and commons which shall hereafter be so established, set apart, used and occupied.

This ordinance turned over to our care Taunton Green or the Common in City Square, Church Green, Grace Church Triangle and the Tweed Triangle; and we took possession the First of January, 1897.

For the care, improvement, repairs and new settees for the Common we expended, in 1897, \$463.18. The City Council in compliance with our recommendation, purchased the Grace Church Triangle on payment of \$150.00 to the trustees of Grace M. E. Church. We immediately set to work to have it properly graded and curbed with granite curbing at an expense of \$323.60, \$26.40 less than the appropriation. It now makes a very beautiful plat of ground in that locality. For the Tweed Triangle we expended \$4.75; for the care of Church Green, \$72.28.

After the organization of the Board we occupied rooms

with the License Commissioners in Babbitt's Block, Main Street. In the Fall of 1897 the addition to City Hall was completed and we were then assigned the Mayor's former private office in the old part. As the treasury of the new City Hall extension was low they had no money to furnish our room. We purchased a table and six chairs at an expense of \$62.00 out of our appropriation. The Board is now pleasantly located in Room 13 of the City Hall extension.

The amount expended in 1897 was \$1,017.68, leaving an unexpended ballance of \$182.32. The appropriation was \$1200.

In October of 1897, the Board granted permission to the Old Colony Historical Society to place a granite boulder on the North side of the Common, opposite the Court House, to mark the spot where Shay's Rebellion was crushed by the determination of the Revolutionary soldier and patriot, General and Judge David Cobb. It also marks the place where for the first time in our country's history the flag bearing the motto "Union and Liberty" was raised, about two years before the Declaration of Independence.

In the early spring of 1898, the Board was considering the matter of improving and beautifying the Common, so as to make it not only attractive to our own citizens but to the many visitors who were daily visiting our city by the electric cars. We at last selected hydrangeas that we placed on two of the grass plots near the fountain; to which we added tubs of flowers on the other two plots which gave a very pretty effect and we believe were fully appreciated by the public.

This was an experiment. Many thought that anything of this kind put in such a public place would be destroyed. On the contrary, so far as we know, not a flower or a leaf has been destroyed by any person; and we believe that the more attractive a place of this kind is kept, the less liable it is to vandalism. With this end in view the Commissioners intend to further beautify and ornament the Common another year, and have contracted with Florist F. O. Willard to put in four tulip beds on each of the grass plots near the fountain. After their season the beds will be further supplied with flowers and plants and *Taunton Green* will not only be a *historic spot* but a place of beauty.

Some of our citizens have suggested that some of the settees around the Common should be reserved for ladies and children and that tramps and common loafers should be compelled to move on. We have given this subject considerable thought and we believe the problem will work itself out as evinced the past year by the many ladies and children and the better class of citizens who have occupied the seats and enjoyed the surroundings thus compelling the tramps to move on. We believe that our citizens and the public should have the fullest freedom in the public parks consistent with good order and care for the same. As we have said, we believe our acts have been appreciated; and we are trying to perform our mission by educating our citizens to admire and enjoy the parks or breathing spots as they are seen in out door art and adornment.

We have 34 settees located on the Common, 18 dozen lawn wickets and other lawn bordering, 8 signs, 1 ash can, lock and chain, 1 snow shovel.



Before Treatment,



After Treatment.

His Honor, Mayor Fish in his inaugural address in January, 1898, recommended that the City Council petition the Legislature that the shade trees in the public streets of the city be placed in the care of the Park Commissioners. In accordance therewith the Legislature passed the following act, which was approved Feb. 24, 1898:

Chapt. 86. Sect. 1. The park commissions of the city of Taunton shall have the custody, care and control of the shade trees in the streets, squares and public places of said city.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

This act imposed new and very arduous duties upon the Board. The trees in the streets throughout the city, of which we have a great many, some of them very large and beautiful ones of long years standing, were in a very sad and neglected condition, having had no care only by a few private citizens who took an interest in those adjoining their premises. In former years no system was adopted in setting out trees; or if there was at that time, the changes in lines of the fences and streets have left many large and noble trees in the middle of the sidewalks. This is noticeable on Broadway, Pleasant, Winthrop and many other streets. Many of the trees had become badly eaten by horses into the heart of the tree. We found that a large sum of money would be needed to put such trees in shape; and as we had no appropriation for shade trees, we must necessarily go slow. We adopted the plan of filling up the holes and decayed places with Portland cement with very satisfactory results, and covered many trees with wire netting as protection from the horses. A picture is shown of a tree before it was treated and of the same tree afterward.

We have removed many old and dead trees, some of them killed by the deadly electric wire. As it is impossible for the board to see all the trees we hope any person who sees a wire injuring a tree will notify any member of the Board. We have spent a great deal of time this year in looking after the trees, and we shall continue to do so the coming year. It will need money to do it.

The severe snow storm which was accompanied by a furious gale on November 27, 1898, destroyed many of our large and handsome trees, and mutilated many others which will need considerable attention the coming season.

Many of the trees need more or less trimming. We have used over 1000 ft. of netting and nearly 775 lbs. of cement. We have treated nearly 100 trees either by using netting or cement, confining our work mostly to the center of the city, but the Weir and Whittenton have also received our attention.

At a meeting of the Board, May 21, 1898, it was voted to adopt and enforce the following city ordinance :

“ No person shall fasten any horse, cattle or team to any ornamental or shade tree in any street, way or public place or any public grounds of the city or to any fence or other structure erected for the protection thereof.”

“ Any person offending against any provision of this chapter, shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.” (*Revised Ordinances of Taunton, Chap. XXIV, Sects. 24 and 28.*)

EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC PARKS FOR 1898.

CHURCH GREEN.

Nathan Newbury, for care,	\$35.00
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GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

F. G. Lindsey, fertilizer and labor,	\$3.55
Thomas Spellman, labor,	4.90
C. P. Borden, filling vase with flowers,	2.00
J. B. Sullivan, stone vase and labor,	8.25
J. C. Walker, post for vase,	1.50
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	\$20.20

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

G. W. L. Hatch, teams,	\$10.00
Ezra Davol, printing signs,	1.75
Charles Hill, police duty,	25.00
" " labor on grounds,	41.61
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	\$78.36

TAUNTON GREEN.

Thomas McKoune & Son, labor and care,	\$281.70
Wm. R. Black, gravel,	6.25
James Nagle, stock and labor,	2 68
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight on settees,	1.79
H. Bullock, sign on door,	3.50
F. R. Washburn, paint, ash can, cover, etc.	6.09
E. L. Cordner, labor on settees and trees,	8.89
F. G. Lindsey, plants, lawn dressing, trimming trees,	30.57
Mason Machine Works, lag screws, etc,	2.10
John Clemens, carting,	28.50
M. D. Jones & Co., wire bordering,	2.00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, garden bordering,	.81
Davenport & Mason, express,	.60

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Pierce Hardware Co., wire netting, snow shovel,	1.28
John C. Walker, stock and labor	20.49
Ellis Express, iron wickets from Boston,	.25
C. Wood & Son, paint,	.80
Wm. R. Park & Son, hose,	5.96
Wm. N. Smith, 4 settees,	18.40
Lewis Brothers, hydrangeas,	10.00
C. S. Anthony, polish for tablet,	.25
C. P. Borden, plants and carting,	9.00
Geo. Cambell, wire wickets,	14.76
F. O. Willard, tulip bulbs and making beds,	50.00
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	.50
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	\$507.17

SHADE TREES.

Edward V. Tarr, cutting down and trimming trees,	\$110.00
E. L. Cordner, labor and paint,	17.11
Mason Machine Works, paint,	2.31
Harmon & Hopkins, cement and sand,	8.65
John C. Walker, wire netting and labor,	68.51
F. G. Lindsey, trimming trees,	31.26
Church & Burt, team,	2.00
H. L. Davis & Co., paint,	.98
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	\$240.82

TWEED TRIANGLE.

Thos. McKoune, care,	\$4.75
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EXPENSES OF BOARD.

H. A. Dickerman & Son, rubber stamp,	\$.75
Taunton Daily Gazette, printing notice,	5.25
W. W. Waterman, traveling and postage,	7.97
Little, Brown & Co., public statutes,	7.60
Glenwood Furnishing Co., fitting and laying office carpet,	5.89

F. R. Washburn, incidentals,	.60
C. S. Anthony, R. R. fares,	7.65
Mary B. Waterman, clerical work,	10.08
C. S. Anthony, postals and stamps,	1.27
“ “ typewriting and telephoning,	2.00
“ “ incidentals,	3.00
A. J. Barker, stationery,	3.98
A. L. Ward, photographs and plates for annual report	39.50
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	\$95.54
Total	\$981.84

PARKS—SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1898,	\$1100.00
Otis A. Thayer, wood,	5.00
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Total	\$1105.00
Total expenditures,	\$981.84
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Balance Nov. 30, 1898,	\$123.16

The Mayor also recommended in his inaugural address in January 1898, that the City Council petition the legislature that the public cemeteries be placed under the care of the Park Commissioners. In accordance with the petition the following act was approved March 9, 1898.

CHAP. 153, SECT. 1. The Park Commissioners of the city of Taunton shall have the custody, care and control of the public cemeteries in said city, subject to all general laws relating to cemeteries.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The City Council subsequently passed an ordinance governing the same. We took possession or charge of the public cemeteries the first of June 1898. The public cemeteries of the city of Taunton, now being used as



Church Green

burial places, are Mayflower Hill, Oakland, Pine Hill, East Taunton, the old Plain (occasionally used); not used, Summer street, Burying Ground, a small ground near Brow's corner on Tremont street; Crane avenue, an old burying ground which has not been used for many years, except occasionally, near the Thayer lot, which was completely covered with brush and scrub oaks which we have had cleared up; the Caswell ground near East Taunton on Middleboro ave., opposite the proposed new fire station. We also found an old ground on Caswell street, near the corner of Staples street, East Taunton, completely hidden from view, being thickly covered with trees and under brush. There are one or two soldiers of the Revolution buried here; also the remains of Jonathan King, founder of King's Furnace, which was located in that vicinity years ago. This ground will be cleared up and put in a proper condition in the early spring.

On assuming our duties our attention was called to the neglected condition of the old Burying Ground on Summer street. We found that there was on deposit in the city treasury over \$100. for the care and repairs of the old cemeteries. The City Council passed an order placing the balance in the hands of the Park Commissioners to expend as they thought best. The grass has been cut, the weeds near the front fence dug up, the fences painted, the old tombs repaired, the stones righted up, trees and shrubs set out, and a general improvement has been made of this ancient burial ground. Some of the stones are illegible and several date back over two hundred years, many of them one hundred years and more.

The Board is of the opinion that good care should be taken of these old burying grounds.

Caswell Cemetery, situated on Middleboro avenue, East Taunton, is not much used; it has one endowed lot which has been improved the past year.

Pine Hill Cemetery, situated on Stevens street, East Taunton. A considerable portion of this ground is outside of the cemetery proper and has never been improved or laid out, but will soon have to be, as the lots are nearly all taken that are improved. Richard P. Briggs is the superintendent, and takes good care of the grounds. There is but one lot endowed here.

Oakland Cemetery, situated on Glebe street, with one lot endowed. E. O. Wilmarth is the superintendent, who has kept the lots and grounds neat and clean. There is one building used as a tool house on the grounds.

The Old Plain Burying Ground, situated on Broadway, between that and Washington streets, has 7 endowed lots. This for many years was our largest public burying ground until Mayflower Hill was laid out 36 years ago. The remains of many of the first settlers of the town, and of the first citizens and prominent business and professional men of Taunton lie here; also the remains of Elizabeth Poole, the first settler of Cohannet. Very few interments are made here now. The grounds are well taken care of. The water pipes have been extended some 200 feet in the grounds the past year, for the accommodation of the lot owners.

Mayflower Hill Cemetery, situated on Washington street and Broadway, contains about 58 acres, 25 of which are improved and under good care. The first record of death and

burial here is Henry Hess, June 10th, 1862, Sec. 4, lot 80. There are 79 endowed lots here. Nearly all the lots that are laid out and improved are taken, and the coming year we shall have to lay out another avenue and more lots to supply the demand. Work has already commenced on the avenue.

The *Lawn Plan* of laying out lots in cemeteries, which is being adopted now throughout the country, has been adopted here recently. All lots are on a level, no cross or gravel walks between lots, but each lot can be reached by a five foot walk on the front. We believe this looks better and nicer than the old plan and the cost is not nearly as much.

Mayflower Hill Cemetery has greatly improved the past few years under the care and supervision of the efficient superintendent, William H. Tyndal. The water pipes have been extended in different directions to accommodate the owners of lots. Ash cans have been placed in different sections of the cemetery for refuse matter which are found to be appreciated and are generally used. Rules and regulations have also been placed on the inside at the Washington street and Broadway entrances of the cemetery which we trust will be complied with. The tomb is 43 feet long and 23 feet wide, used for the deposit of bodies previous to interment, it has been painted white inside, with a cemented floor, which very much improves the appearance. There is a small tool house near the tomb. There is also a building which is used for a tool house and waiting room, which we hope at no distant day to see replaced with a neat and commodious chapel where funeral services can be held, with pleasant waiting rooms attached. We



Grace Church Triangle.

hope also to have a cottage at no distant day, where the superintendent or the person who has the care of the grounds can live and be near by at all times. It will be the intention of the Commissioners to improve the grounds to the best of their ability with the means at their disposal, from year to year.

PUBLIC PLAY GROUNDS.

The Commissioners wish to call the attention of the citizens and the City Council to the importance and almost imperative need of public play grounds for the children in different sections of the city. It is neither right nor proper that they should play ball in the public streets and it is also dangerous; but the boys have no other place. We have no doubt suitable grounds can be secured either by purchase or lease. The Board has considered one or two locations, and during the coming season more definite action may be called for, so that there will be no need of trespassing on private property, or blocking the streets when children and young people seek innocent and healthful recreation in athletic sport.

RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS, GOVERNING CEMETERIES.

HOURS.—The cemetery gates will be open every day from March 31 to October 31 until 6 p. m., and during the remaining months until sunset.

GROUND.—No vehicle shall be driven in the cemetery faster than a walk.

Funerals on reaching the cemetery will be under the charge of the Superintendent or his assistants. Drivers must remain on their carriages or stand by their horses during funeral services.

Carriages must not be turned in any avenue, and no horse shall be left unfastened without a driver.

Dogs will not be allowed in the cemetery.

All persons are forbidden to gather flowers, or to break or injure any tree, shrub or plant.

LOTS AND PLANTS.—The terms for the annual care of lots may be ascertained on application to the Superintendent at the cemetery.

STONE AND MONUMENTAL WORK.—Monuments and headstones may be erected subject to the approval of the Commission.

RUBBISH.—All rubbish collected by work of any kind must be cleaned up by the parties employed on that work, and the grounds left in good order. All work must be done during the working hours of the cemetery.

The Superintendent and other officers are charged to prohibit all persons from resting on lots which do not belong to them, or walking on or across lots, borders and lawns, except when necessary to gain access to their own lots. Persons within the cemetery conducting themselves improperly will be requested to leave immediately, and upon refusing will be compelled to do so. The statutes of the Commonwealth relating to cemeteries prescribe severe penalties for the infringement of the law, and any violation will be prosecuted to the full extent.

RECEIVING TOMB.—For the use of the receiving tomb for each body, \$2.00 per month; for a longer time after three months, \$3.00 per month. No body shall be allowed to remain in the tomb longer than three months except by special vote of the Board. While bodies are deposited in the receiving tomb, the Superintendent is forbidden to allow any casket or coffin to be opened except under the direct supervision of an undertaker, and then only when accompanied by a written order from the immediate

family of the deceased; but in no case shall it be done when in the judgment of the superintendent, the condition of the body is such as to render it improper.

No tomb shall be constructed or allowed within any lot unless by special permission of the Board, and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his lot for hire.

The Superintendent shall be notified of an intended interment at least twenty-four hours in advance, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

LABOR.—No work shall be done within the cemetery unless under supervision of the Superintendent or the Park Commissioners.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1, 1898.

Credited to the cemetery department, June 1, 1898,	\$134.87
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MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

Wm. H. Tyndal, from sale of lots to June 1st,	\$930.00
Ellis Furbush, grave,	5.00
Florilla Nickerson, grave,	5.00
Charles Sperring, grave,	5.00
John Newman, hay,	15.00
H. A. Dickerman, two lots,	130.00
F. C. Glynn, grave,	5.00
H. B. Whitman, grave,	5.00
E. Paine, grave,	5.00
Robert Cone, lot,	45.00
Charles Hill, wood,	4.50
Thomas Acton, grave,	5.00
Sarah A. Duffy, two lots,	110.00
Y. Yates, one lot,	45.00

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Elizabeth Rothwell, one lot,	\$65.00
Peter E. Levey, grave,	5.00
James W. Bradshaw, one lot,	45.00
Anson Lasalle, one lot,	40.00
Joseph E. Heath, one lot,	50.00
Clerical error,	.10

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

E. O. Wilmarth, hay,	4.00
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PINE HILL CEMETERY.

W. T. Johnson	15.00
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	\$1663.47

EXPENDITURES FROM JUNE 1, 1898.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

Wm. H. Tyndal, salary,	\$72.00
Wm. H. Tyndal, labor,	166.50
Charles Tallman, labor,	151.50
John Butler, labor,	202.16
John Newman, labor,	119.04
John Newman, team,	40.33
Sam. Dexter, labor,	171.53
Robert Newman, labor,	99.78
William White, labor,	10.50
Hiram Bliss, labor,	6.00
William Newman, labor,	5 25
Wm. L. Presbrey, scythes, etc.,	5.30
E. L. Cordner, painting,	3 20
C. P. Borden, plants,	7.00
F. R. Washburn, ash cans, covers, paint,	13.63

J. C. Walker, stock and labor,	3.60
E. P. Bassett, sign boards,	18.50
Henry Bullock, signs,	20.00
Mishler Bros., lot markers,	23.40
I. F. Whitmarsh, stock and labor,	1.66
Charles Hill, labor,	9.62
F. W. R. Emery, binding three books,	6.00
Lyman Mason, lawn rakes,	1.35
George P. Aspinall, paint,	4.98
N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R., freight,	2.61
Wm. H. Tyndal, exchange of graves,	10.00
Munro & McGlynn, piping, labor, etc.,	56.73

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

E. O. Wilmarth, labor,	\$92.00
Charles E. Pierce, labor,	3.50
E. O. Wilmarth, salary,	25.00

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, labor,	\$76.40
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RECEIPTS.

(Old Cemeteries.)

Credited to old cemetery department, June 1, 1898.	\$117.32
Contribution,	1.00
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Total,	\$118.32

EXPENDITURES.

(Old Cemeteries.)

SUMMER STREET.

H. Haradon, labor,	\$7.63
Mason Machine Works, paint,	6.75
Wm. Jennison, labor,	11.88
Geo. B. Anthony, labor and paint,	9.83
John C. Walker, pickets and Labor,	6.95
David Brownell, labor,	7.88
Harmon & Hopkins, white wash and labor,	12.65

PLAIN.

John Newman, labor,	\$8.25
Wm. Newman, labor,	5.25
Sam. Dexter, labor,	10.50
Chas. Tallman, labor,	6.00
Wm. White, labor,	5.25
Wm. Simms, labor,	5.25
F. R. Washburn, paint, etc.,	3.00

CRANE'S AVE.

Charles Hill, labor,	\$11.25
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	\$118.32

SUMMARY.

CEMETERIES.

Receipts since June 1, 1898, from all sources,	\$1663.47
Total expenditures,	1429.07
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Balance, Nov. 20, 1898,	\$234.40

VALUATION OF THE PUBLIC PARKS AND
CEMETERIES.

PARKS.

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.
Church Green, 11-20 acres,	10,000.
Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.
Grace Church Triangle, 1800 sq. ft.,	500.
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	\$71,500.

CEMETERIES.

Mayflower Hill. 58 acres,	\$5 000.
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.
Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1,000.
Summer St., 1 acre,	2,500.
Tremont St., 1-2 acre,	500.
Crane Av., 1-2 acre,	50.
Caswell, Middleboro Av., 1 83-100 acres,	2,000.
Caswell St., E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.
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	\$12,300
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	\$83,800

Respectfully Submitted,

CHAS S. ANTHONY.

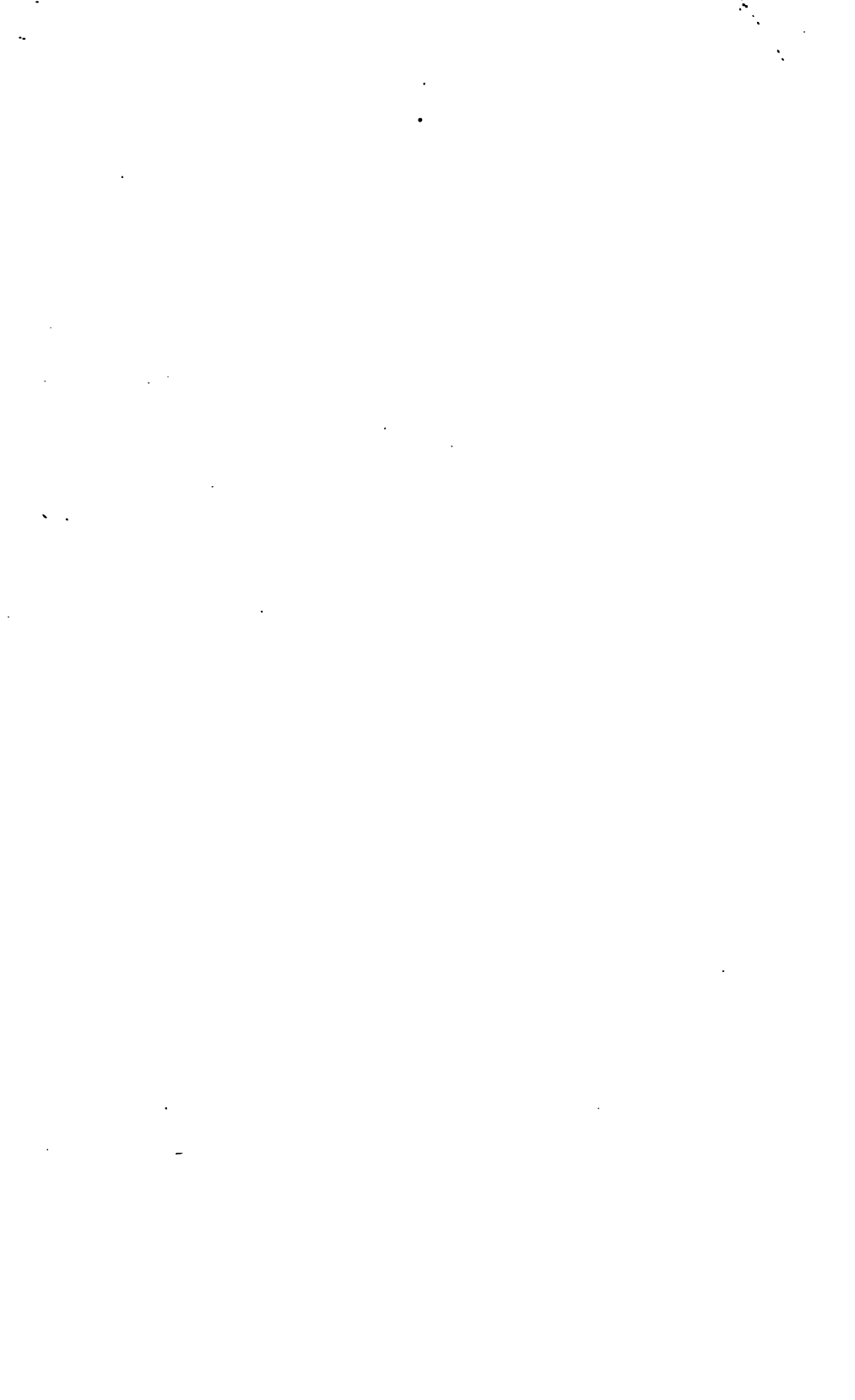
WM. W. WATERMAN.

L. C. COUCH.

FRANK L. FISH.

WM. REED Jr.

Park Commissioners.





Stairway at Woodward Spring Park.

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

WILLIAM W. WATERMAN, No. 1 White St.
Term expires 1900.

LEONARD C. COUCH, No. 19 Walnut St.
Term expires 1901.

FRANK L. FISH, No. 9 Rockland St.
Term expires 1902.

WILLIAM REED, No. 44 Summer St.
Term expires 1903.

CHARLES S. ANTHONY, No. 19 Washington St.
Term expires 1904.

CHAIRMAN.

CHARLES S. ANTHONY.

SECRETARY.

LEONARD C. COUCH.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

MARY W. WATERMAN.

Office hours : Saturdays, 3 to 4 P. M. Room 13, City Hall.



VIEW OF WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Taunton :

GENTLEMEN :—We herewith submit our sixth annual report as the report of the Park Commissioners for the year ending Nov. 30, 1899.

Mr. Charles S. Anthony's term of office having expired, he was reappointed on the first of May for another term of five years. The Board was organized by the election of Charles S. Anthony, chairman, and Leonard C. Couch, secretary. The membership and organization thus remained the same as reported last year.

"The custody, care and control" of the public shade trees and cemeteries, added to our duties as park commissioners, by the special Act of the Legislature, has greatly increased the work devolving on the commissioners.

We have not been ambitious to create a sensation by suddenly introducing radical changes. We have chosen rather to investigate thoroughly the existing conditions in all their details, and endeavor to work out carefully and progressively the best improvements practicable with the means at our disposal.

PUBLIC PARKS.

The acre of ground long and widely known in story and song as "TAUNTON GREEN," renowned as the place "where arose the first ensign of liberty and where fell the first standard of insurrection," is rich in events of historic interest.

Its historic renown and its location at the commercial center of the city and at the junction of several electric railways render it highly desirable that this little park should receive special care, and be made as far as practicable "a thing of beauty."

The many cordial expressions of approval from our citizens and from the numerous visitors from other localities have led us to believe that our work in this direction has been appreciated.

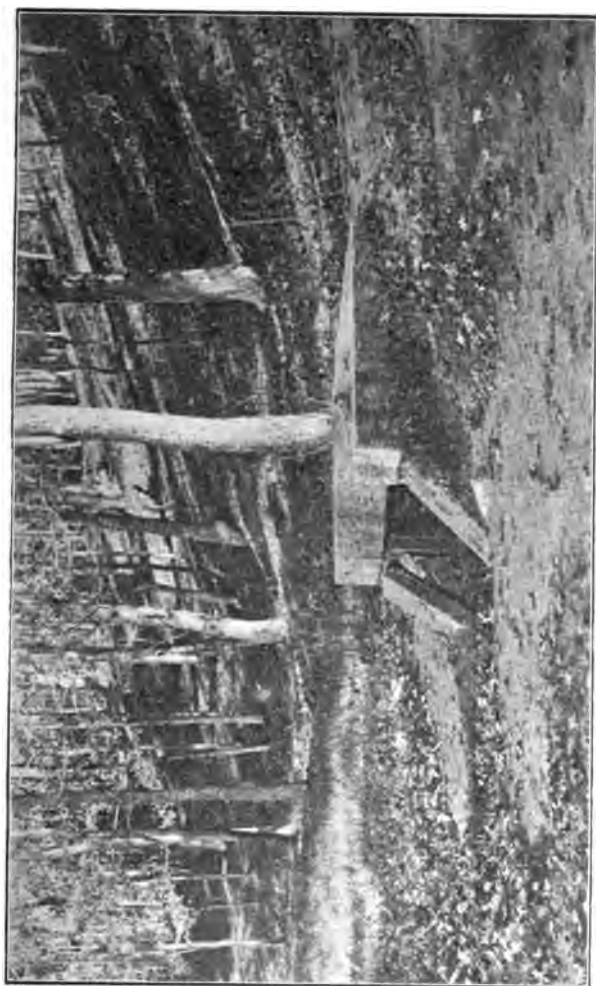
We have recently had the flower beds enlarged and planted with first-class tulip bulbs, the tulips after their season in the spring to be replaced by a selected variety of choice flowering plants for the summer and early autumn.

We shall continue otherwise to beautify this historic spot.

Continued improvements have been made on WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

A new park swing has been added, and more swings of this kind will be furnished the coming spring or summer. Two long tables with accompanying settees, located outside of the pavilion, have been provided for the convenience of parties desiring to use them.

How to prevent the washing down of the sand by heavy rain storms, and the consequent unsightly guttering of the steep hill-side near the spring, has been a problem. We at length learned of a similar case in a park at New Castle,



SPRING AT WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Penn., where flowering running vines, the *Rosa Wich-maiana*, had been planted. These vines as they grew and enlarged took a deep and strong root-hold in the sand, and prevented it from being washed down. This scheme was reported as having proved an effectual remedy, after the vines in the course of three or four years had covered the ground, while the foliage and flowers present a very pleasing scene.

We decided to adopt this plan. The plants were set out last spring. Nearly all of them have lived and thrived, and are giving promise of satisfactory results.

This park has been patronized by about four thousand visitors this year, a very much larger number than in any previous year, many of them in parties from Sunday Schools and other organizations.

The great increase of visitors to this park, although attributable to some extent to its improved appearance and accommodations, is due chiefly to the convenient and comfortable conveyance furnished by the new line of electrics—the Taunton and Norton Electric Railway. It is estimated that two-thirds of the visitors patronize this line in going to and from this park.

As we have intimated, many of the visitors at Woodward Spring Park, go there in groups or parties of children and adults, some of these gatherings being quite large. A building on the grounds spacious enough and suitable for their shelter in case of sudden storms is very much needed. We have in contemplation this and some other desirable improvements in connection with this park—to which the attention of the City Council of 1900 may be invited when making estimates for the appropriations.

A tract of land belonging to the estate of the late Capt. Henry Harvey, lying between our land and the Attleboro



STAIRWAY AT WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Branch Railroad and extending from the river to Harvey street, is now for sale. It comprises about twenty acres, mostly of woodland, in a surface varied with hills and dales, contiguous to our land, in fact appearing to belong to the park. For obvious reasons it is desirable that this property should come to be under the care and control of the city. We recommend that the city procure it for park purposes, provided it can be bought at a reasonable price.

CHURCH GREEN, TWEED TRIANGLE AND GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE have received due care, and have been maintained in good condition.

SHADE TREES.

These have received our careful attention. Lack of funds, however, has prevented us from doing so much in the line of improvement in this department as might be desired.

Permission was granted early in the year to Dr. John B. Gillon to remove a tree standing in the sidewalk in front of his premises, at his expense.

This was a case in which the removal of the tree was sought for the special benefit of the petitioner; and, as appeared from the public hearing held, would not prove detrimental to the public interest. The Board deemed it expedient to adopt the policy that in such cases the removal of trees, if permitted, be done at the expense of the parties especially interested.

Similar permissions, on like conditions, have since been given to Patrick Herbert, Albert O. Packard, Charles N. Simmons, Edward Dexter, and Charles D. Grady.

Three of the oldest trees in the city have been cut down, one in front of the Luscomb estate on Cohannet Street, one in front of the Rugg estate on High Street, and one in



CHURCH GREEN.

front of the residence of John B. Perkins on Weir Street.

Filling a cavity two feet in depth in a tree on Tremont Street, nearly opposite the freight depot, with cement covered with paint, is an illustration of some of our work in saving trees by repairing them.

It is impracticable to do all that ought to be accomplished in the care, preservation and improvement of the many shade trees in our custody throughout the city, without a somewhat corresponding increase of expenditures. We think it may be well when making the estimates for the annual appropriations to take into special account the proper care of our public shade trees.

The following city ordinance has been adopted and is in force as a rule of this Board :

“No person shall fasten any horse, cattle or team to any ornamental or shade tree in any street, way or public place or any public grounds of the city or to any fence or other structure erected for the protection thereof.”

“Any person offending against any provision of this chapter, shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.” (*Revised ordinances of Taunton, Chap. XXIV, Sects. 24 and 28.*)

PUBLIC CEMETERIES.

For the purpose of facilitating concentration of attention and effort in this department of our work, and for the convenience of parties seeking information or service, or having business in connection with any particular cemetery, special committees were appointed as follows :

On Mayflower Hill Cemetery—Charles S. Anthony, William W. Waterman, Frank L. Fish.

On Plain Cemetery—Charles S. Anthony, William W. Waterman, Leonard C. Couch.



GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

On Oakland and Thayer Cemeteries—Leonard C. Couch.

On Summer Street and East Taunton Cemeteries—William Reed.

The Act of the Legislature delegating to the Park Commissioners of this city "the custody, care and control of the public cemeteries" rendered it necessary that the duty of electing the superintendents of said cemeteries be transferred from the City Council to our Board. Accordingly at the first meeting of the Board in January, 1899, we proceeded to the performance of the duty thus assigned to us. We had previously become satisfied that the gentlemen who were holding these offices were doing good service; and we re-elected them as follows:

Superintendent of Mayflower Hill and Plain Cemeteries—William H. Tyndal.

Superintendent of Oakland Cemetery—Everard O. Wilmarth.

Superintendent of Pine Hill Cemetery—Richard P. Briggs.

The statistical items in connection with interments, required to be rendered by those in charge of the public cemeteries, are carefully recorded in a book prepared for the purpose and kept in the office of the Board. The statistics so far as they were recorded in past years, beginning in 1862 in Mayflower Hill Cemetery, have been copied into the first part of the same book, in order that they may be preserved as material for reference. These items as now placed on record are as follows: date of death and interment, name of deceased, age, former residence and occupation, place of death, disease or cause of death, the specific location of burial and removal and the date thereof.

Nearly one-half of the fifty-eight acres of land comprising MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY is under improvement in avenues, sections and burial lots.

Since the first burial in this cemetery, nearly thirty-seven years ago, about 3000 interments have been made there. Nearly one-half of these interments have taken place within the last ten years, 150 of them having been made within the last year.

More lots than usual were sold last year. Nearly all the new lots having been disposed of, it has become necessary to further enlarge the improved portion. Accordingly a new section has been laid out, containing nearly an acre in the north-east part, near East Britannia Street, which when completed will furnish seventy-five desirable lots. The lawn plan described in our last annual report, will be continued in the new section. This plan is now quite generally in use in cemeteries throughout the country.

Several good maple trees were set out in the spring, and the work of improving and keeping in repair the avenues and grounds has received constant attention.

Frequent visits have been made by the chairman and his associate members of the special committee on this cemetery (the chairman making regular weekly visits) for the purpose of conferring with the superintendent in regard to the work and improvements going on there. The superintendent has devoted his time and attention to the care of this and the Plain Cemeteries. With characteristic fidelity he has done excellent and effective service.

This cemetery has come to be a place frequently visited by many of our citizens, and often by parties from abroad. Care is taken to render its appearance pleasing and attractive. And yet there are some neglected lots which are not only an eye-sore to visitors, but are especially distasteful to owners of neatly kept adjacent lots. We recommend that the owners of these neglected lots take the pains to give them due care, and if they reside



TREE ON TREMONT STREET.
Before Treatment.



TREE ON TREMONT STREET.
After Treatment.

out of the city or are so situated as not to be able to give them personal attention, that they arrange with their friends or with the superintendent to have them kept in proper condition.

Soon after entering upon our duties in charge of the cemeteries, we decided to adopt a general plan for the lay out of this cemetery as a whole, furnishing a forecast of its avenues and the contours of its sections, arranged with reference to convenience and beauty, as parts related to a whole; and to require that all further enlargement of the improved portion be made progressively in accord with this plan. At our request, City Engineer George A. King, made a survey and prepared some plans for this purpose, one of which was adopted by the Board as the plan of Mayflower Hill Cemetery.

This plan indicates the outlines only. It has no reference to elevations and depressions of surface. We think it desirable, however, to imitate nature in this respect, as far as it can be made practicable to do so with a due regard to drainage and utility. With this end in view we have in contemplation a topographical survey. In order that such a survey be made, it is needful first to remove the useless trees and brush. As soon as we have at our disposal funds sufficient to do this, we intend to have the trees and brush cleared away and the topographical survey made.

THE PLAIN CEMETERY, formerly and now quite commonly known as "*The Plain Burying Ground*," comprising six and four-tenths acres of land, was once a part of the eighty-eight acres in the old Training Field extending from Taunton Green northerly to this point. This lot of ground was included in the portion of the Training Field purchased by Rev. Samuel Danforth, the fourth minister of Taunton, and was presented by him to the town for a burial ground.

His body was the first interred there, Nov., 1727. Here lie the remains of many of the early inhabitants of the town and of many Taunton soldiers of the French and Indian Wars and of the Revolutionary War.

Many families owning lots by inheritance still continue to use them for burials; but there is no room for new lots in that cemetery.

The Commissioners have taken special pains to see that this historic burial place receives proper care.

OAKLAND CEMETERY has been provided with water pipes for the introduction of city water. This cemetery has been kept in a neat and orderly condition.

PINE HILL CEMETERY is in better condition than it has been for years. The walks are well kept and the various lots have been mowed and put in good order.

The cemetery at East Taunton, known as the CASWELL CEMETERY, has been well managed.

The ancient burial place on CASWELL STREET came into the care of the Commissioners an unkempt wilderness. There had been no burials there for fifty years; and the two or three acres were covered with scrub oaks and brambles, so that it was impossible to walk over the land; and fire, too, had frequently swept over the section and destroyed the inscriptions on some of the older stones. The land has been cleared of scrubs, a few trees have been left for ornament, prostrate stones have been put in place and leaning slabs righted. With a little work another year all the premises will be made neat and no longer an eye-sore.

There are many graves in this burial place at which the only marker is a rough field stone, and doubtless there are more with nothing to indicate them.

Some work needs to be done at the KING CEMETERY in caring for neglected stones which are tottering. The

recent gift of land by those interested will provide lots enough for that neighborhood for fifty years.

The Commissioners find that the work they do in caring for these city cemeteries invite lot owners to make the premises owned by them more presentable.

RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS, GOVERNING CEMETERIES.

HOURS.—The cemetery gates will be open every day from March 31 to October 31 until 6 p. m., and during the remaining months until sunset.

GROUND.—No vehicle shall be driven in the cemetery faster than a walk.

Funerals on reaching the cemetery will be under the charge of the Superintendent or his assistants. Drivers must remain on their carriages or stand by their horses during funeral services.

Carriages must not be turned in any avenue, and no horse shall be left unfastened without a driver.

Dogs will not be allowed in the cemetery.

All persons are forbidden to gather flowers, or to break or injure any tree, shrub or plant.

LOTS AND PLANTS.—The terms for the annual care of lots may be ascertained on application to the Superintendent at the cemetery.

STONE AND MONUMENTAL WORK.—Monuments and headstones may be erected subject to the approval of the Commission.

RUBBISH.—All rubbish collected by work of any kind must be cleaned up by the parties employed on that work, and the grounds left in good order. All work must be done during the working hours of the cemetery.

The Superintendent and other officers are charged to prohibit all persons from resting on lots which do not belong to them, or walking on or across lots, borders and lawns, except when necessary to gain access to their own lots. Persons within the cemetery conducting themselves improperly will be requested to leave immediately, and upon refusing will be compelled to do so. The statutes of the Commonwealth relating to cemeteries prescribe severe penalties for the infringement of the law, and any violation will be prosecuted to the full extent.

RECEIVING TOMB.—For the use of the receiving tomb for each body, \$2.00 per month; for a longer time after three months, \$3.00 per month. No body shall be allowed to remain in the tomb longer than three months except by special vote of the Board. While bodies are deposited in the receiving tomb, the Superintendent is forbidden to allow any casket or coffin to be opened except under the direct supervision of an undertaker, and then only when accompanied by a written order from the immediate family of the deceased; but in no case shall it be done when in the judgment of the superintendent, the condition of the body is such as to render it improper.

No tomb shall be constructed or allowed within any lot unless by special permission of the Board, and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his lot for hire.

The Superintendent shall be notified of an intended interment at least twenty-four hours in advance, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

LABOR.—No work shall be done within the cemetery unless under supervision of the Superintendent or the Park Commissioners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1100.00
Sale of tan bark,	1.00
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	\$1101.00

EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

T. McKoune & Son, 102½ days labor and care,	\$319.05
Wordell Plumbing Co., pipe, labor, etc.	11.75
F. G. Lindsey, dressing and labor,	22.95
F. R. Washburn, paint, etc.,	3.18
George B. Anthony, painting,	5.15
Pierce Hardware Co., paint, etc.,	3.86
Edward L. Cordner, labor,	6.40
Davenport & Mason, express,	.15
George Cambell, wickets,	9.00
John D. Bremner, labor on wickets,	.75
Harmon & Hopkins, stock and labor,	11.70
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	3.52
F. O. Willard, flower beds,	120.00
W. R. Park & Son, hose, bolts, etc.,	6.61
William R. Black, gravel,	8.75
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	\$532.82

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Charles Hill, 20 days labor,	\$35.00
“ “ 12 days police duty,	30.00
“ “ trees, dressing, etc.	15.00
“ “ use of team,	4.37

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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F. R. Washburn, wire, watering pot, etc.,	12.81
A. T. Story, roses and planting,	50.00
Ames Plow Co., swing,	11.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.25
Henry Bullock, sign and painting,	1.75
Taunton Daily Gazette, advertising,	1.00
Taunton Evening News, advertising,	1.25
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	22.23
Clark P. Borden, plants and carting,	4.00
Henry W. Woodward, 15 days labor and gravel,	27.27
Huntley & Beebe, signs,	2.60
Franklin Woodward, tables and seats,	5.00

\$223.53

CHURCH GREEN.

F. G. Lindsey, lawn seed, ashes, labor,	\$11.50
Gifford & Co., fertilizer and hay seed,	.55
Nathan Newbury, care,	35.00

\$47.05

GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

Taunton Water Works, water rate,	\$5.00
F. G. Lindsey, seed, ashes, labor,	10.28
Thomas Spellman, labor,	1.50
Clark P. Borden, flowers,	5.00
W. L. Presbrey, hose, reel, nozzle,	11.35

\$33.13

SHADE TREES.

Harrie E. Cushing, labor,	\$3.00
G. W. L. Hatch, use of team,	2.00
John E. Brennan, carting limbs,	.75
Charles H. Buffum, removing trees,	45.00

Training School, 1914-1915	2,000
Training School, 1915-1916	2,000
Training School, 1916-1917	2,000
Training School, 1917-1918	2,000
Training School, 1918-1919	2,000
Training School, 1919-1920	2,000
Training School, 1920-1921	2,000
Training School, 1921-1922	2,000
Training School, 1922-1923	2,000
Training School, 1923-1924	2,000

 \$20,000

EXPENSES OF THE S. AND

U. S. R. R. 1914-1915	\$1,000
U. S. R. R. 1915-1916	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1916-1917	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1917-1918	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1918-1919	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1919-1920	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1920-1921	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1921-1922	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1922-1923	1,000
U. S. R. R. 1923-1924	1,000

 \$10,000

 \$30,000

 TRAINING SCHOOL

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EXPENSES OF THE S. AND

TRAINING SCHOOL

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\$10,000

EXPENSES OF THE S. AND

Training School, 1914-1915	\$1,000
Training School, 1915-1916	1,000

William H. Tyndal, tomb rent,	47.50
William H. Tyndal, sale of wood,	3.00
Public Parks,	12.95
John Newman, hay,	15.00
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	\$1538.45

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of 2 lots,	\$20.00
Everard O. Wilmarth, hay, etc.,	12.00
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	\$32.00

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, sale of 2 lots,	\$25.00
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	\$2595.45

EXPENDITURES.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, salary,	\$152.64
William H. Tyndal, 151½ days labor,	303.00
William H. Tyndal, police duty Sundays,	6.00
John Newman, 148½ days labor,	259.50
John Newman, 108¾ days use of team,	135.99
Bert Chamberlain, 15½ days labor,	23.25
Robert Newman, 18 days labor,	31.51
Samuel Dexter, 172½ days labor,	301.49
John Butler, 133¾ days labor,	234.11
William Newman, 52 days labor,	91.02
Orrin R. Babbitt, 30 days labor,	52.51
Joseph J. Marie, 4¾ days labor,	8.32
Everett H. Horton, 29 days, 79 hours labor	95.22
William White, 5½ days labor,	9.63
William Jackson, 43¾ days labor,	76.58

Warren Spearing, 41½ days labor,	72.64
M. Smith, 5 days labor,	7.50
William H. Tyndal, broom, pail, pick, oil,	1.65
Wm. H. Tyndal, allowance on exchange of graves,	5.00
Lyman Mason, shovels, rakes, fork, etc.,	14.40
G. S. Harrington, printing annual report,	35.00
Mason Machine Works, iron,	7.50
R. J. Haight, record book and express,	9.05
A. G. Williams & Co., signs,	10.60
Church & Burt, manure,	41.25
P. Williams & Co., lawn seed,	4.40
Everett H. Horton, dressing,	14.22
George P. Aspinall, paint, etc.,	1.91
Otis B. Wilbur, labor and stock,	7.17
Charles Keogel & Son, settees,	7.50
B. D. Albro, lawn dressing,	6.00
John J. Nichols, team and labor,	8.00
Munro & McGlynn, pipe and labor,	11.29
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	.25
A. T. Story, trees and shrubs,	36.25
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.85
Henry Bullock, lettering signs,	12.00
Clemens Teaming Co., carting,	.75
Clark P. Borden, plants,	7.50
A. B. Hodges, insurance,	16.50
W. L. Presbrey, lawn mower, scythes, etc.,	9.17
Theron Gorham, printing,	10.50
Fairmont Chemical Co., weed killer,	1.25
G. W. L. Hatch, use of team,	2.00
I. F. Whitmarsh, stove, etc.,	13.62
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	45.92
Charles S. Anthony, car fare and stamps,	2.15
Harmon & Hopkins, stock and labor,	11.70
Taunton Evening News, advertising,	1.25

\$2217.51

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Taunton Water Works, piping and water rates,	\$58.54	
W. L. Presbrey, steel bars, shovels, scythe,	6.83	
Everard O. Wilmarth. salary,	25.00	
Everard O. Wilmarth, 51½ days labor,	103.00	
William H. Hackett, 4 days labor,	7.00	
Mason Marvel, labor,	1.75	
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		\$202.12

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, 55 days labor with team,	\$110.40
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CASWELL STREET CEMETERY.

Patrick Scanlon, labor,	\$64.44	
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		\$2594.47
Total receipts,	\$2595.45	
Total expenditures,	2594.47	
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Balance unexpended,		\$.98

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts, dept. of public parks,	\$1101.00	
Total receipts, dept. of public cemeteries,	2595.45	
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Aggregate receipts,		\$3696.45
Total expenditures, dept. of public parks,	\$1098.18	
Total expenditures, dept. of public cemeteries,	2594.47	
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Aggregate expenditures,		\$3692.65
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Total balance unexpended,		\$3.80

VALUATION OF THE PUBLIC PARKS AND CEMETERIES.

PARKS.

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.
Church Green, 11-20 acres,	10,000.
Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.
Grace Church Triangle, 1800 sq. ft.,	500.
	<hr/> \$71,500

CEMETERIES.

Plain Cemetery, 6 4-10 acres,	\$25,000.
Mayflower Hill, 58 acres,	10,000.
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.
Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1,000.
Summer St., 1 acre,	2,500.
Tremont St., 1-2 acre,	500.
Crane Av., 1-2 acre,	50.
Caswell, Middleboro Av., 1 83-100 acres,	2,000.
Caswell St., E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.
	<hr/> \$42,300
	\$113,800

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIAM W. WATERMAN, LEONARD C. COUCH, FRANK L. FISH, WILLIAM REED, CHARLES S. ANTHONY,	}	Park Commissioners.
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OF THE

Park Commissioners

OF THE

City of Taunton, Mass.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1900.



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Chas. S. Anthony,

Chairman.



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TAUNTON GREEN.

ANNUAL REPORT

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PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Taunton:

GENTLEMEN :—We, the Park Commissioners of Taunton, respectfully submit our report for the year ending November 30, 1900.

At the beginning of the year, December, 1899, the membership and organization was the same as reported for the preceding year; Mr. Anthony being chairman and Mr. Couch secretary. On March 31st, Mr. Couch resigned, on account of his election to the board of Aldermen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. George A. Washburn, and His Honor Mayor Alger appointed Mr. Nathan Newbury to serve in Mr. Couch's place until the expiration of the latter's term in 1901.

The appropriation for the year was \$1100, a sum altogether too small for our needs.

By exercising the strictest economy we have, indeed, kept within this appropriation, but many things that ought to have been done have been left undone, and a larger appropriation for the coming year seems an absolute necessity.

Upon trees alone at least \$1000 should be spent, for a city like Taunton depends largely for its beauty upon its shade trees, and if our city is to keep its place among the beautiful towns of the Old Colony, many new trees must be planted, old ones which have lost their freshness must be cut down, and those in their prime must be trimmed and shaped into comeliness.

It has been our custom for some time to permit the removal from the public streets trees which the owners of adjoining land have proven dangerous or detrimental to their property, the expense of such an undertaking being always borne by the citizen objecting to the tree. Early in the year, Mr. James E. Greensmith made a somewhat novel request,—asking, not only to have an objectionable tree removed from the front of his land on Winthrop St., but also to have a new one planted in a slightly different position. Both requests were granted and the expense of the change paid by Mr. Greensmith. All citizens are now urged, not only to improve their property by having dangerous trees removed, but to add to the beauty of the public streets and their own acres by planting new trees.

In the last few years "Taunton Green" has been our especial care—our aim being to make the center of our city's life beautiful with green grass and flowers. Last year the flower beds were enlarged, and from the time when tulips bloom till the frosts of Autumn these beds were gay with blossoms. This year we have planned to have this feast of flowers begin still earlier in the season, for hundreds of crocus bulbs have been planted, and we hope that even before the cold weather is fairly over the "Green" will be thickly strewn with these tiny, many-tinted harbingers of Spring.

Woodward Spring grows in beauty every year through the time and money spent upon it.

It is now an extremely pretty little park, easily reached by the electric cars, which on almost every pleasant summer day carry thither many visitors.

On Saturday, June 9th, the grove rang with the merry voices of happy children enjoying an outing there; these children, three hundred and fifty or more in number, into whose life such an outing seldom comes, were given a day of unalloyed enjoyment in the attractive park through the generosity of the Norton and Taunton Street Railway, who carried them to and from the park for half fare.

More seats, a new swing, and additional trees now enhance the attraction of this beautiful spot.

Church Green, Tweed Triangle and Grace Church Triangle have received careful attention.

CEMETERIES.

MAYFLOWER HILL.—The new section reported last year as under construction has been completed, making in all about 100 new lots. Trees and shrubbery have been added in pursuance of a formulated plan. The cemetery is under the care of William H. Tyndal.

KING.—The additions here have been surveyed and staked out into lots. This cemetery is under the supervision of Benj. S. Bosworth.

OAKLAND has been kept in a neat and orderly condition under the care of E. O. Wilmarth.

PINE HILL is in the usual good condition, under the faithful care of Richard P. Briggs.

For the purpose of facilitating concentration of attention and effort in this department of our work, and for the convenience of parties seeking information or service, or



VIEW IN MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

having business in connection with any particular cemetery, special committees were appointed as follows :

On Mayflower Hill Cemetery—Charles S. Anthony, William W. Waterman, Frank L. Fish.

On Plain Cemetery—Charles S. Anthony, William W. Waterman, Nathan Newbury.

On Westville Cemetery—Nathan Newbury.

On Oakland and Thayer Cemeteries.—Nathan Newbury.

On Summer Street and East Taunton Cemeteries.—William Reed.

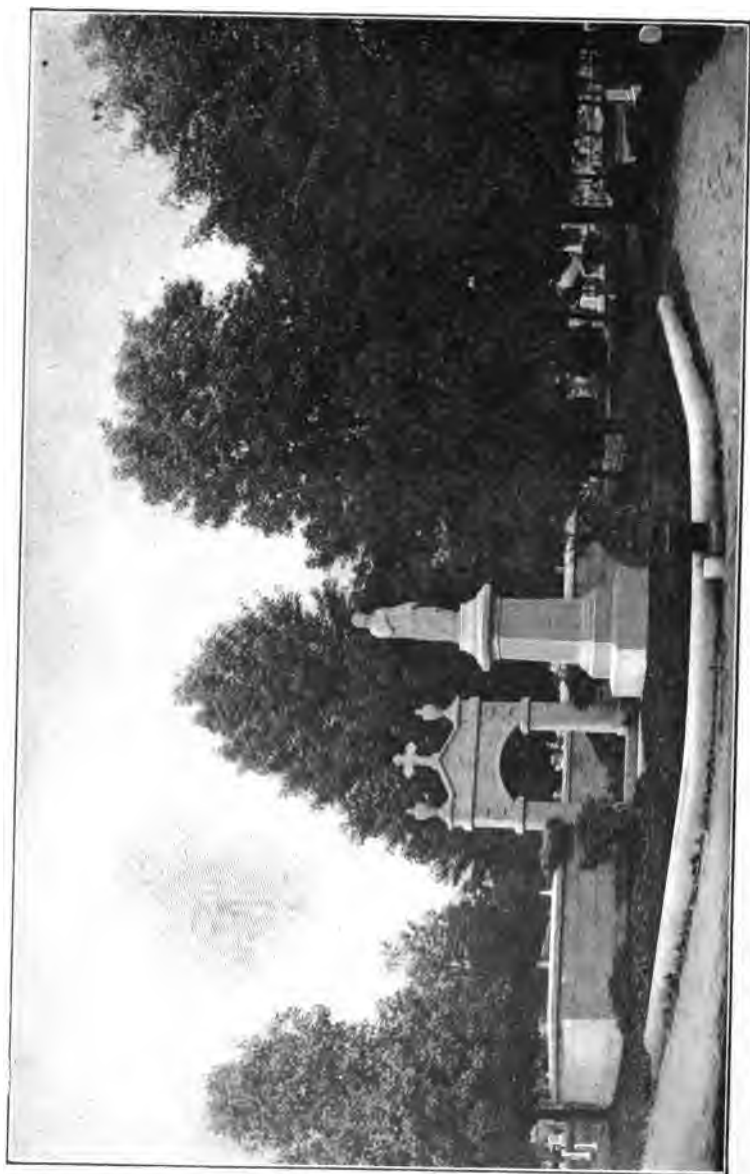
The Act of the Legislature delegating to the Park Commissioners of this city “the custody, care and control of the public cemeteries” rendered it necessary that the duty of electing the superintendents of said cemeteries be transferred from the City Council to our Board. Accordingly at the first meeting of the Board in January, 1899, we proceeded to the performance of the duty thus assigned to us. We had previously become satisfied that the gentlemen who were holding these offices were doing good service ; and we re-elected them as follows :

Superintendent of Mayflower Hill and Plain Cemeteries—William H. Tyndal.

Superintendent of Oakland Cemetery—Everard O. Wilmarth.

Superintendent of Pine Hill Cemetery—Richard P. Briggs.

The statistical items in connection with interments, required to be rendered by those in charge of the public cemeteries, are carefully recorded in a book prepared for



VIEW IN MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

the purpose and kept in the office of the Board. The statistics so far as they were recorded in past years, beginning in 1862 in Mayflower Hill Cemetery, have been copied into the first part of the same book, in order that they may be preserved as material for reference. These items as now placed on record are as follows: date of death and interment, name of deceased, age, former residence and occupation, place of death, disease or cause of death, the specific location of burial and removal and the date thereof.

RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS, GOVERNING CEMETERIES.

HOURS.—The cemetery gates will be open every day from March 31 to October 31 until 6 p. m., and during the remaining months until sunset.

GROUND.—No vehicle shall be driven in the cemetery faster than a walk.

FUNERALS.—On reaching the cemetery will be under the charge of the Superintendent or his assistants. Drivers must remain on their carriages or stand by their horses during the funeral services.

CARRIAGES.—Carriages must not be turned in any avenue, and no horse shall be left unfastened without a driver.

DOGS.—Dogs will not be allowed in the cemetery.

PERSONS.—All persons are forbidden to gather flowers, or to break or injure any tree, shrub or plant.

LOTS AND PLANTS.—The terms for the annual care of lots may be ascertained on application to the Superintendent at the cemetery.

STONE AND MONUMENTAL WORK.—Monuments and headstones may be erected subject to the approval of the Commission.



AVENUE IN MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

RUBBISH.—All rubbish collected by work of any kind must be cleaned up by the parties employed on that work, and the grounds left in good order. All work must be done during the working hours of the cemetery.

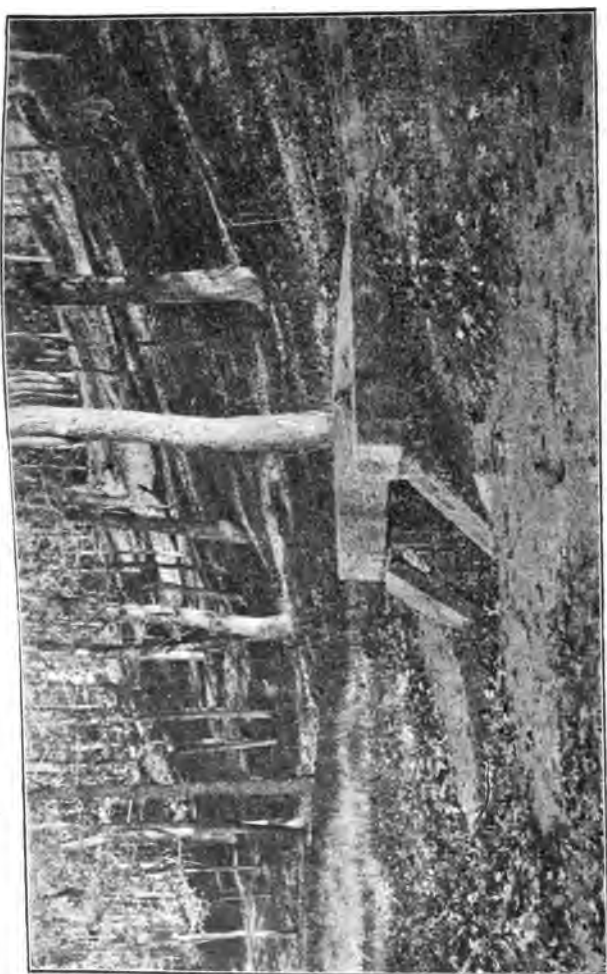
The Superintendent and other officers are charged to prohibit all persons from resting on lots which do not belong to them, or walking on or across lots, borders and lawns, except when necessary to gain access to their own lots. Persons within the cemetery conducting themselves improperly will be requested to leave immediately, and upon refusing will be compelled to do so. The statutes of the Commonwealth relating to cemeteries prescribe severe penalties for the infringement of the law, and any violation will be prosecuted to the full extent.

RECEIVING TOMB.—For the use of the receiving tomb for each body, \$2.00 per month; for a longer time after three months, \$3.00 per month. No body shall be allowed to remain in the tomb longer than three months except by special vote of the Board. While bodies are deposited in the receiving tomb, the Superintendent is forbidden to allow any casket or coffin to be opened except under the direct supervision of an undertaker, and then only when accompanied by a written order from the immediate family of the deceased; but in no case shall it be done when in the judgment of the superintendent the condition of the body is such as to render it improper.

No tomb shall be constructed or allowed within any lot unless by special permission of the Board, and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his lot for hire.

The Superintendent shall be notified of an intended interment at least twenty-four hours in advance, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

LABOR.—No work shall be done within the cemetery unless under supervision of the Superintendent or the Park Commissioners.



VIEW OF WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1100.00
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EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

T. McKoune and Son, labor and carting,	\$309.90
T. McKoune and Son, sod,	3.00
McKoune Bros., carting and covering fountain,	38.00
James Nagle, pipe, labor, etc.,	5.29
P. Williams & Co., lawn seed, and oil,	.64
Pierce Hardware Co., grass seed and dressing,	2.07
F. R. Washburn, fertilizer, paint, etc.,	10.15
George B. Anthony, paint and labor,	5.32
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.34
A. T. Story & Co., trees, plants, labor,	19.50
J. L. Mott Iron Works, plate,	2.25
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	28.13
F. O. Willard, plants, fertilizer, labor,	147.00
William R. Black, roller,	3.00
William R. Park & Son, rubber hose,	5.62
E. W. Strange & Co., bolts and labor,	1.50

\$581.71

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Henry W. Woodward, 23 1-2 days labor,	\$47.24
Henry W. Woodward, 3 1-2 days use of team,	4.38
Henry W. Woodward, fertilizer,	1.00
A. J. Macdonald, 12 days police duty,	30.00
Charles E. Caswell, 4 days police duty,	10.00
H. G. Crapo, stock and labor,	21.91
Ames Plow Co., swing,	12.00
Harmon & Hopkins, cups, chain, labor, etc.,	6.70
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.28
A. T. Story & Co., trees, roses, labor,	18.00
W. W. Morse, services,	3.00
Taunton Teaming Co., use of team,	2.00
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	\$156.51

CHURCH GREEN.

Michael Shea, care,	\$35.00
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GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

F. R. Washburn, lawn seed and fertilizer,	\$1.85
Thomas Spellman, labor,	10.00
A. T. Story & Co., Shrubbery and care,	15.00
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	6.87
Charles F. Luther, labor,	6.20
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	\$39.92

TWEED TRIANGLE.

Thos. McKoune & Son, care,	\$4.50
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SHADE TREES.

F. G. Lindsey, stock and labor,	\$27.85
Edward N. Tarr, removing tree,	10.00
Chas. W. Buffum, removing trees,	162.50
J. J. O'Connor, removing tree,	10.00
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	\$210.35

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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GENERAL EXPENSES.

C. H. Washburn, book case,	\$14.00
H. L. Davis & Co., mounting map,	2.00
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	28.65
A. L. Ward, cuts,	20.00
William W. Waterman, traveling expenses,	4.40
A. J. Barker, stationery,	2.35
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	\$71.40
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	\$1099.89
Total Receipts,	\$1100.00
Total Expenditures,	1099.89
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Balance unexpended,	\$.61

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1000.00
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MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, sale of 29 lots,	\$1320.00
William H. Tyndal, sale of 13 graves,	65.00
William H. Tyndal, tomb rent,	30.00
John Newman, hay,	10.00
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	\$1425.00

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of 4 lots,	\$32.00
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PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, sale of 3 lots,	\$35.00
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WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Charles Reed, sale of 3 lots,	\$30.00
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	\$2522.00

EXPENDITURES.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, salary,	\$149.02
William H. Tyndal, 140 days labor,	280.00
John Newman, 74 1-4 days labor,	129.96
John Newman, 92 1-2 days use of team,	115.68
William Newman, 100 days labor,	193.39
Samuel Dexter, 178 3-4 days labor,	312.88
Orrin Babbitt, 12 1-2 days labor,	21.88
Everett H. Horton, 44 days labor with team,	90.14
William H. White, 47 days labor,	92.00
William Hammett, 83 1-4 days labor,	145.70
D. Brownell, 133 1-4 days labor,	233.21
A. C. Lutz, 16 1-2 days labor,	28.88
Wm. H. Tyndal, allowance on exchange of lots,	45.00
J. F. Magee, lawn dressing,	16.50
Everett H. Horton, dressing,	114.16
W. L. Presbrey, wheelbarrow, grindstone, etc.,	21.22
Lyman Mason, rakes and shovels,	6.35
Munro & McGlynn, pipe, labor, etc.,	9.70
Clark P. Borden, flowers and vase,	7.50
A. T. Story & Co., trees,	40.00
P. Williams & Co., fertilizer and lawn seed,	12.05
H. C. White, glass and labor,	1.25
William H. Tyndal, sod,	47.19
George P. Aspinall, paint,	2.23
E. Barnes, paint and brush,	10.90
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	\$2126.79

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, salary,	\$25.00
Everard O. Wilmarth, 33 1-2 days labor,	67.00
Charles E. Pierce, 3 days labor,	5.25
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	5.00
F. R. Washburn, lawn seed and water pots,	2.02
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	\$104.27

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, 53 7-10 days labor,	\$107.40
Richard P. Briggs, 4 days use of team,	4.00
H. A. Dickerman & Son, record book,	8.75
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	15.00
John C. Walker, stock and labor on tool house,	51.92
J. E. Morse, painting,	7.00
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	\$194.07

CASWELL STREET CEMETERY.

Patrick R. Scanlon, labor,	\$16.25
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KING CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, labor,	\$4.00
L. P. Churchill, stakes,	12.00
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	\$16.00

GENERAL EXPENSES.

F. C. Childs, use of team,	\$3.00
Taunton Lighting Plant, desk light,	4.12
Chas. S. Anthony, traveling expenses and postage,	9.15
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	13.25
Davol Printing House, printing annual reports,	35.00
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	\$64.52
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	\$2521.90

Total Receipts,	\$2522.00
Total Expenditures,	2521.90
Balance unexpended,	\$.10

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts, dept. of public parks,	\$1100.00
Total receipts, dept. of public cemeteries,	2522.00
Aggregate receipts,	\$3622.00
Total expenditures, dept. of public parks,	\$1099.39
Total expenditures, dept. of public cemeteries,	2521.90
Aggregate expenditures,	\$3621.29
Total balance unexpended,	\$.71

VALUATION OF PUBLIC PARKS AND CEMETERIES.

PARKS.

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.00
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Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.00
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CEMETERIES.

Plain Cemetery, 6 4-10 acres,	\$25,000.00
Mayflower Hill, 58 acres,	10,000.00
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.00
Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1,000.00
Summer St., 1 acre,	2,500.00
Tremont St., 1-2 acre,	500.00
Crane Ave., 1-2 acre,	50.00
Caswell, Middleboro Ave., 1 83-100 acres,	2,000.00
Caswell St., E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.00
Westville,	2,500.00
	<hr/> \$44,800.00
	<hr/> \$116,550.00

Respectfully submitted,

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December 1st, 1900, found the organization of the commission unchanged. Mr. Nathan Newbury was reappointed by the Mayor at the expiration of the term for which Mr. Couch was appointed, Mr. Newbury having served from March 31st in place of Mr. Couch.

The care of our shade-trees has been the greatest work of the season. About 1,400 city trees have been scraped and sprayed to stop the ravages of the elm leaf beetle, and about 150 trees on private property have been cared for in the same way. So far the work has been thoroughly done, but much remains to be done early next year to complete what we have done and to put the safety of the trees beyond question.

We trust it will be remembered when the money is appropriated that this calls for larger expense. This commission can use more money to advantage in this work and in the



Entrance View to Woodward Spring Park.

work of permanent improvements in the cemeteries. Upwards of fifty new trees have been bought for planting in the spring, as your commission is of the opinion that money spent in planting new trees in the proper place is of great benefit to any city. A number of new settees are being made to be placed where needed. We find such comforts are enjoyed by young and old.

TAUNTON GREEN never was more attractive than it has been this season. Before another season has passed we hope to see on one of the triangles a Soldiers' Monument. The monument is the gift of one of our esteemed citizens, Mr. Cyrus H. Lothrop, and it is a fitting tribute to those men who took up arms in defense of the Union, and deserves a prominent place on the common.

We would be glad to have the expression of any person as to the side of the Green upon which this monument should be placed.

The flower beds have been admired and add much to the attractiveness of the place.

WOODWARD SPRING PARK grows in favor and is being used as a pleasure resort more and more. Under the cool of its shade young and old find refreshing rest and the quiet which is away from a city of bustle and confusion. This beautiful spot is within easy reach of the city by electric cars and the drive to it is delightful from any direction.

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Grace Church Triangle.



View in Mayflower Hill Cemetery.



Avenue in Mayflower Hill Cemetery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Department of Public Parks.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,100.00
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EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

Thomas McKoune & Son, labor and carting,	\$298.63
McKoune Bros., carting,	27.25
William R. Black, loam and labor,	5.00
Taunton Water Works, hydrant and labor,	14.89
Pierce Hardware Co., paint and brushes,	9.34
George B. Anthony, painting,	5.35
M. M. McGowan, labor,	3.50
Clemens Teaming Co., carting,	1.25
W. R. Park & Son, pipe, hose and labor,	9.19
F. R. Washburn, wheelbarrow, seed, etc.,	5.75
I. F. Whitmarsh, labor,	140.00
P. Williams & Co., lawn seed,	.25
Harmon & Hopkins, labor, cement, etc.,	27.89
Taunton Greenhouses, plants and labor,	137.00
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	20.37
M. O. Luther, labor,	3.50
Joseph H. Brennan, stay iron,	1.50
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	\$710.66

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Henry W. Woodward, 42 days labor,	\$73.50	
Henry W. Woodward, 5 4-5 days use of team,	7.26	
Henry W. Woodward, 11 days police duty,	27.50	
A. T. Story & Co., plants and labor,	32.25	
Clark P. Borden, flowers,	6.00	
Henry W. Woodward, gravel,	1.25	
H. G. Crapo, stock and labor,	7.36	
A. E. Quillen, labor and carting,	13.50	
F. G. Lindsey, labor,	5.90	
Booth & Luther, settees,	54.00	
Pierce Hardware Co., paint,	2.16	
George B. Anthony, painting,	5.40	
	<hr/>	\$236.08

CHURCH GREEN.

Michael Shea, care,	\$35.00	
Clemens Teaming Co., dressing,	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$60.00

GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

Thomas Spellman, labor,	\$8.30	
F. G. Lindsey, seed and labor,	3.85	
Allen Bros., fertilizer,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$18.15

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Sampson, Murdock & Co., directory,	\$2.00
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	6.29
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	26.35
A. J. Barker, stationery,	3.55
Wm. W. Waterman, traveling expenses,	2.60

A. T. Story & Co., trees,	28.90	
Church & Burt, use of teams,	5.00	
		<u>\$74.69</u>
		<u>\$1,099.58</u>
Total receipts,	\$1,100.00	
Total expenditures,	1,099.58	
		<u>\$.42</u>
Balance unexpended,		

Care of Shade Trees.

RECEIPTS.

Special appropriation,	\$500.00
F. G. Lindsey, scraper and carting,	1.50
William B. Carpenter, treating trees,	1.50
Silas D. Reed, " "	.85
George E. Dean, " "	1.50
Mrs. Charlotte H. Harrub, " "	.75
Baker Estate, " "	2.50
E. L. Crossman, " "	.50
Frederick S. Hall, " "	2.25
S. S. Canedy, " "	1.50
Frederick Mason, " "	6.50
Dr. C. T. Hubbard, " "	1.20
George W. Barrows, " "	.75
J. P. Staples, " "	.50
N. J. W. Fish, " "	1.50
John H. Eldridge, " "	.75
J. A. Peck, " "	.75
John E. Clark, " "	.65
A. F. Wastcoat, " "	1.50
H. S. Hack, " "	2.50
W. R. Billings, " "	1.50
S. Frank Hammett, " "	.75

N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co.,	"	15.00
Grace Church,	"	3.00
H. D. Atwood,	"	4.00
Everett D. Godfrey,	"	.75
A. K. Crowell,	"	1.50
J. R. Holt,	"	1.00
Henry J. Lane,	"	3.00
Mrs. Ann Spencer,	"	.50
Mrs. Emeline Huntley,	"	.75
Miss Phebe A. Robinson, spraying trees,		.85
Mrs. Hannah E. Whitmarsh, treating trees,		2.50
Miss Ella S. Francis,	"	1.50
James Maloney,	"	1.50
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		\$567.55

EXPENDITURES.

F. G. Lindsey, labor,	\$373.13
George W. Wilbar, labor,	26.00
A. H. Standish, use of teams,	4.00
Underhill Brothers, scrapers,	7.50
F. G. Lindsey, handles, soap, etc.,	4.43
W. M. Haskins, sprayer,	5.00
Gifford & Co., kerosene oil,	9.98
Pierce Hardware Co., ash barrel, can, etc.,	4.69
Wm. R. Park & Son, hose, labor, etc.,	1.51
Charles S. Anthony, traveling expenses,	8.00
F. R. Washburn, steps, etc.,	2.75
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	33.75
H. L. Davis Co., paint and brush,	8.23
T. C. Baker, tin,	11.99
Harmon & Hopkins, cement,	2.50
Charles W. Buffum, removing limbs,	33.00

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John C. Walker, wire, staples, labor,	13.75	
Joseph Williams, tree,	2.00	
		<u>\$552.21</u>
Total receipts,	\$567.55	
Total expenditures,	552.21	
		<u>\$15.34</u>
Balance unexpended,		

Department of Public Cemeteries.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
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MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, sale of 20 lots,	\$1,010.00	
William H. Tyndal, sale of 13 graves,	65.00	
William H. Tyndal, sale of ashes and wickets,	20.25	
		<u>\$1,095.25</u>

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, sale of lot,	\$12.00
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WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Charles L. Reed, sale of 5 lots,	\$65.00	
		<u>\$2,172.25</u>

EXPENDITURES.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, salary,	\$150.00
William H. Tyndal, 133 3-8 days labor,	266.75
William Newman, 79 days labor,	158.00



Church Green.

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, 42 days labor,	\$84.00	
Richard P. Briggs, 1-2 day use of team,	.50	
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KING CEMETERY.

N. S. Williams, 4 1-2 days use of team,	\$18.00	
Thomas Dunn, 3 days labor,	5.25	
William Henshaw, 4 1-2 days labor,	7.87	
William H. Borden, labor,	1.75	
Morrill Borden, labor,	1.75	
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	139.18	
B. S. Bosworth, labor,	4.00	
William H. Borden, moving bodies,	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$197.80

WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Charles L. Reed, 17 1-10 days labor,	\$34.20	
Charles L. Reed, 2 1-5 days use of team,	2.75	
Joseph Moran, labor,	13.63	
Harmon & Hopkins, stone and labor,	50.60	
L. M. Witherell, stock and labor,	4.56	
Henry Bullock, lettering signs,	3.00	
F. R. Washburn, shovels, cans, scythes, etc.,	9.96	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co, freight,	2.03	
Charles E. Mason, signs,	3.00	
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

James E. Lewis, postal cards and printing,	\$1.60
Davol Printing House, printing,	38.50
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	26.78
Emery Record Preserving Co., record book,	10.00

William W. Waterman, traveling expenses,	1.80	
Charles S. Anthony, traveling expenses,	5.60	
Church & Burt, use of teams,	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$88.28
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		\$2,163.14
Total receipts,	\$2,172.25	
Total expenditures,	2,163.14	
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Balance unexpended,		\$9.11

Purchase of Land, Westville Cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of appropriation for purchase of land,	\$260.00
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EXPENDITURES.

Charles L. Reed, 23 days labor,	\$46.00	
Charles L. Reed, 17 1-10 days use of team,	21.38	
Joseph Moran, 39 1-5 days labor,	68.58	
Mishler Bros., markers,	17.00	
Taunton Water Works, pipe and labor,	76.01	
Charles L. Reed, gravel, lumber, freight,	14.85	
Frank Horton, labor,	1.50	
Frank R. Washburn, pick and handle,	.87	
A. T. Story & Co., trees and labor,	13.81	
	<hr/>	\$260.00
Total receipts,	\$260.00	
Total expenditures,	260.00	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts, department of public parks,	\$1,100.00
Total receipts, care of shade trees,	567.55

Total receipts, department of public cemeteries,	2,172.25	
Total receipts, purchase of land, Westville Cemetery,	260.00	
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Aggregate receipts,		\$4,099.80
Total expenditures, department of public parks,	\$1,099.58	
Total expenditures, care of shade trees,	552.21	
Total expenditures, department of public cemeteries,	2,163.14	
Total expenditures, purchase of land, Westville Cemetery,	260.00	
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Aggregate expenditures,		\$4,074.93
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Total balance unexpended,		\$24.87

Valuation of Public Parks and Cemeteries.

PARKS.

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.00	
Church Green, 11-20 acres,	10,000.00	
Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.00	
Grace Church Triangle, 1,800 sq. ft.,	500.00	
Tweed Triangle,	250.00	
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CEMETERIES.

Plain Cemetery, 6 4-10 acres,	\$25,000.00
Mayflower Hill, 58 acres,	10,000.00
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.00
Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1,000.00
Summer Street, 1 acre,	2,500.00

Tremont Street, 1-2 acre,	500.00
Crane Avenue, 1-2 acre,	50.00
Caswell, Middleboro Ave., 1 83-100 acres,	2,000.00
Caswell Street, E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.00
Westville, 5 acres,	2,500.00
King, 1 1-4 acres,	50.00
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	\$44,850.00
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	\$116,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. FISH, WILLIAM REED, CHARLES S. ANTHONY, WILLIAM W. WATERMAN, NATHAN NEWBURY,	}	Park Commissioners.
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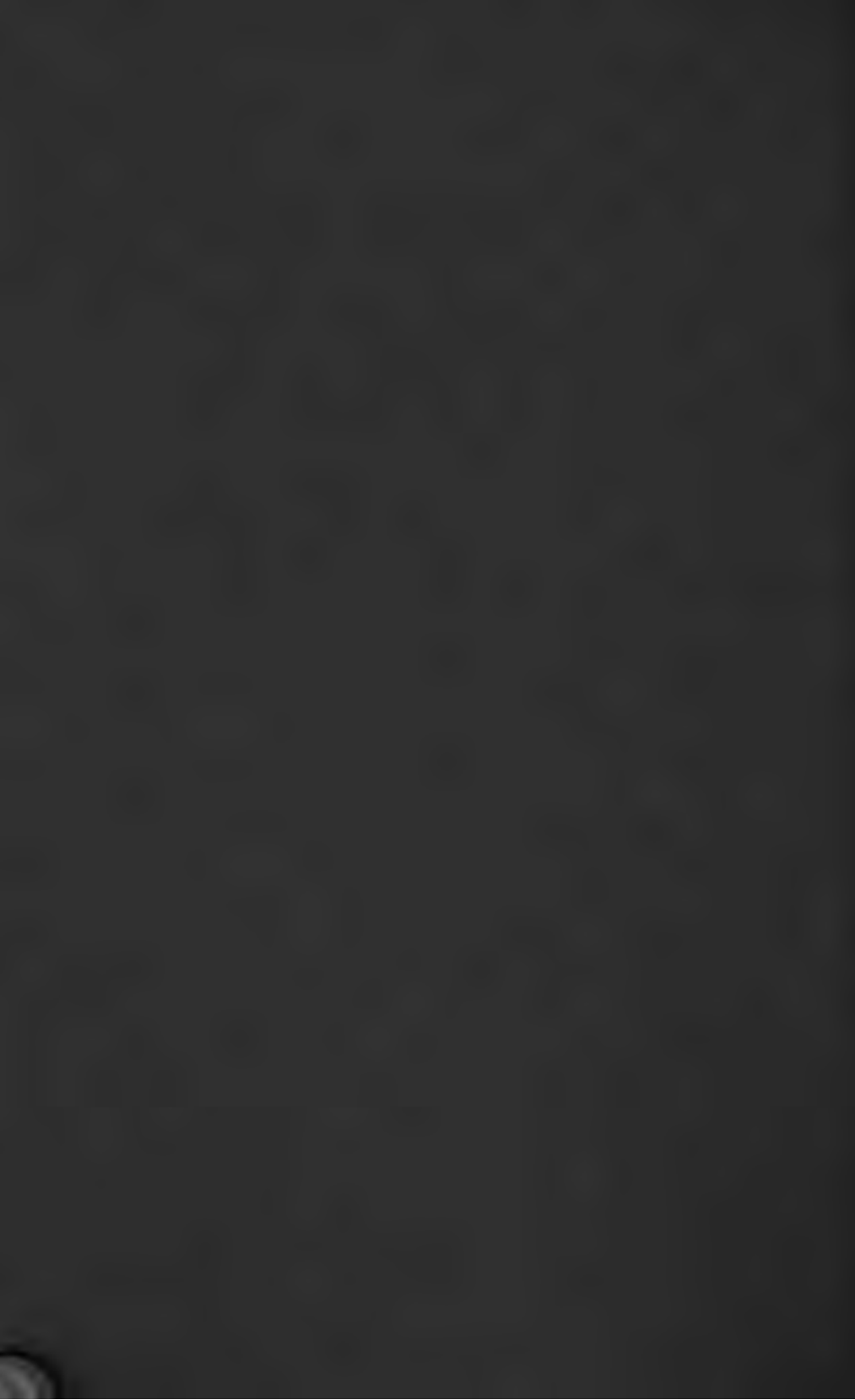
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WILLIAM REED, No. 44 Summer St.
Term expires 1903.

CHARLES S. ANTHONY, No. 9 Columbus Ave.
Term expires 1904.

WILLIAM W. WATERMAN, No. 1 White St.
Term expires 1905.

NATHAN NEWBURY, No. 15 Prospect St.
Term expires 1906.

FRANK L. FISH, No. 9 Rockland St.
Term expires 1907.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To the Mayor and City Council:

The Park Commissioners submit herewith a report of their work and expenditures for the year 1902.

Taunton had this year its first serious experience with the destructive elm tree beetle, and the dangerous character of the pest was quickly manifested. The beetles appeared in largest numbers near the railway tracks and streets in close conjunction, giving proof of the way they were imported into the city from other places previously afflicted. The request for a special appropriation was promptly met, and guided by the best advice of experienced men, the insects were attacked with the usual insecticides sprayed from pumps upon the unfolding leaves. In all but two or three sections of the city the work was as successful as it has been elsewhere, and the elms were saved from defoliation. It is probable that where the poison failed to preserve the leaves it was applied too early in the season, and was washed off by heavy rains before the

grubs began to eat. There is no doubt but that enough beetles were hatched out to furnish another destructive crop for 1903, and it will be necessary to have an appropriation to keep up the fight. The experience of other towns shows that the insect can only be kept down by a vigorous battle for three years. It seems to be periodic in its raids. If left unsprayed, the elms which are so beautiful a feature of our streets and lawns, will be killed. They can stand one stripping of their leaves and will put out new buds. A second stripping is apt to turn them into firewood. It would take from fifty to seventy-five years to replace them with other trees of equal beauty and utility. A city without shade trees on its residential streets would look like one of the bleak prairie towns of a new western state. The city now owns the pumps and spraying apparatus, and the expenditure must be for labor and chemicals. It is believed that with the experience of the past year as a guide, the work can be prosecuted even more successfully than before. It would mean the wholesale waste of beautiful and valuable trees to stop it.

The public cemeteries, save those seldom used and neglected for many years, are in good condition, and in all more or less has been done to beautify or restore to a presentable condition. A tool house has been built at Westville, and there and at Mayflower Hill and Pine Hill more lots have been laid out, and considerable done in the way of improving the grounds with carefully kept walks, neatly trimmed lawns and with trees and shrubbery. It will be necessary to lay

out a new section of lots at Mayflower Hill, so closely does the demand follow the supply, and this can be done only at an expenditure which will absorb the receipts from sales.

The old burial ground on Staples street has been taken into the charge of the city. It may be proper to suggest that the acceptance of such cemeteries increases the expenses of the cemetery department, and does not promise to add anything to its revenue.

The burial place at North Taunton was put into better condition, and the underbrush on the neglected Caswell street ground has been cut for the second time to prevent its reversion to a wilderness.

At Mayflower Hill a lowering device has been procured, and is for free use at burials when desired.

The care of the public parks devolves upon the commissioners, and the Green, Church Green, Tweed Triangle, Grace Church Triangle, Woodward Spring, have had the usual attention. At the latter park the approaches have been improved, more seats added, trees made safer by pruning, and the shrubbery maintained. Creeping vines planted to hold the sliding gravel seem to be effective.

At the request of the Council, a location for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, the beautiful and appreciated gift of Cyrus H. Lothrop, was found on the Green.

In the opinion of the Commission the pressing need is a public playground for wholesome athletic sports. There is not a spot in this city of wide acreage, where boys can play a game of ball without begging per-

mission or trespassing on the property of some citizen or corporation. With miles of rivers threading our territory there is no place where anyone can launch a canoe, land from a boat, or go in bathing, save at the distant bath-house near Morey's bridge, without begging or buying the privilege, or wilfully interfering with private rights. Unless steps are taken now to remedy this injustice to the youth of our city it will be much more expensive with municipal growth. Your Commission would suggest a method of securing a public playground, which also combines utility and a benefit to the public. There are many acres of wet land in the valley of Taunton and Mill rivers, which are not of great market value, because it would cost too much to drain them and make them habitable. They have no prospective value for many years. Such land, if acquired by the city, could be used for an ashes dump, and gradually filled in until it becomes available for a playground. It is now not only unsightly, but a probable menace to health and is a breeder of swarms of mosquitos, more or less malarious. By utilizing such land first as a dump a public playground could be acquired in a comparatively inexpensive way, which would remain a benefaction for future generations. Perhaps one of the best methods of turning a restless boy into a good citizen is to teach him not only to respect himself, but also the rights and property of others, and that cannot be well done if he has to be a general trespasser and law breaker, in order to play honest games, land or launch his boat, or take a spin on his skates.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1100.00
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EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

Thomas McKoune & Son, labor and carting,	\$268.40
McKoune Bros., carting,	26.00
F. R. Washburn, lawn mower, seed, etc.,	16.74
George B. Anthony, painting,	2.75
Taunton Water Works, pipe and labor,	2.93
A. T. Story & Co., tree and labor,	19.25
Harmon & Hopkins, labor and cement,	5.66
Pierce Hardware Co., staples and paint,	.75
W. R. Park & Son, hose and labor,	4.55
W. L. Presbrey, sprinkler and washers,	1.60
Taunton Greenhouses, plants, fertilizer, labor,	137.00
Joseph Breck & Sons, flower bed guard,	2.48
Ellis' Express Co., express,	.50
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	20.25
William R. Black, labor,	7.60
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	\$516.46

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Henry W. Woodward, labor,	\$60.37
Henry W. Woodward, use of team,	6.25
Henry W. Woodward, police duty,	27.50
Pierce Hardware Co., paint,	2.87
H. G. Crapo, stock and labor,	12.87
F. R. Washburn, can, paint, etc.,	11.90
A. E. Quillen, labor,	7.50
Clark P. Borden, plants,	5.50
Ames Plow Co., swing and seats,	16.55
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.50
Joseph Breck & Sons, paint,	1.80
Ellis' Express Co., express,	.50
George B. Anthony, painting,	3.14
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	84.21
Henry Bullock, paint and labor,	2.10
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	\$243.56

CHURCH GREEN.

Michael Shea, care,	\$35.00
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GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

Allen Bros., dressing,	\$4.00
F. G. Lindsey, sod, seed and labor,	34.10
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	\$38.10

TWEED TRIANGLE.

Joseph Breck & Sons, guard fence,	\$3.60
F. G. Lindsey, sod and labor,	9.40
Ellis' Express Co., express,	.25
Davenport & Mason, express,	.25
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	\$13.50

SHADE TREES.

H. L. Davis Co., labor,	\$1.56
Eugene P. Bassett, labor,	88.00
A. T. Story & Co., trees and labor,	14.53
J. J. O'Connor, labor,	6.00
John C. Walker, wire and labor,	9.05
F. G. Lindsey, cement and labor,	1.75
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	\$120.89

GENERAL EXPENSES.

H. L. Davis Co., desk,	\$18.00
Church & Burt, use of team,	1.50
Charles S. Anthony, travelling expenses,	2.20
L. F. Dunham, paper,	.15
Commonwealth of Mass., revised laws,	6.00
Wm. W. Waterman, travelling expenses,	4.55
A. J. Barker, stationery,	4.55
Theron Gorham, printing,	21.25
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	57.50
Davol Printing House, printing,	16.25
Davenport & Mason, express,	.25
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	\$132.20
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	\$1099.71
Total receipts,	\$1100.00
Total expenditures,	1099.71
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Balance unexpended,	\$.29

CARE AND PRESERVATION OF SHADE TREES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1901,	\$15.34
Special appropriation,	2000.00

For trimming and spraying trees:—

Mrs. C. W. Crandell,	1.50
Thomas L. Church,	4.00
Miss Phebe A. Robinson,	3.00
Miss Cynthia C. H. Bassett,	3.00
Miss Charlotte Lovering,	1.50
M. F. Fitzgibbons,	1.25
Andrew P. Leddy,	.50
E. W. Strange,	.75
Mrs. Mary King,	1.50
Charles F. Foster,	1.50
Mrs. F. D. Burt,	1.50
N. J. Crossman,	3.00
John E. Sanford,	6.75
William B. Carpenter,	.75
Charles H. Blain,	4.00
William R. Park, Jr.,	1.50
George W. Andros,	.75
Mrs. H. E. Hall,	1.00
Whittenton Trust Co.,	3.00
George H. Rhodes,	1.50
William H. Bent,	4.00
Mrs. Almeda E. Thomas,	1.50
George E. Wilbur,	3.00
William B. Hathaway,	5.00
Bion C. Pierce,	2.25
Mrs. W. J. Clemson,	6.00
Mrs. Thompson Newbury,	10.50
Mrs. George F. Seaver,	2.25
George W. Barrows,	1.50
Hoard estate,	6.00
Henry D. Atwell,	1.50
George C. Morse,	4.50
Frederick Mason,	4.00

\$2109.59

EXPENDITURES.

Eugene P. Bassett, labor,	\$1351.07
F. G. Lindsey, labor,	52.07
E. C. Ware, apparatus,	290.60
Bowker Insecticide Co., disparene,	165.00
Pierce Hardware Co., ladders, rope, saws, etc.,	152.52
Gifford & Co., kerosene, soap, brushes,	7.35
Standish Stable, use of team,	4.50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	3.92
Charles S. Anthony, travelling expenses,	7.50
Henry Bullock, paint, oil and labor,	12.45
F. R. Washburn, pails, hatchets, oil, etc.,	4.57
Davenport & Mason, express,	1.50
Clemens Teaming Co., carting,	2.75
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	\$2055.80
Total receipts,	\$2109.59
Total expenditures,	2055.80
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Balance unexpended,	\$53.79

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1000.00
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MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, sale of lots,	\$970.00
William H. Tyndal, sale of graves,	80.00
William H. Tyndal, tomb rent,	10.00
John Newman, wood,	4.00
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	\$1064.00

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of lots,	\$66.00
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PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, sale of lots,	\$83.00
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WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Charles L. Reed, sale of lots,	120.00
Charles L. Reed, sale of hay and loam,	12.50
Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of lot,	25.00
Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of hay and loam,	4.75
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	\$162.25
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	\$2375.25

EXPENDITURES.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, salary,	\$150.00
William H. Tyndal, labor,	216.00
James Simmons, labor,	328.60
Samuel Dexter, labor,	291.85
William Newman, labor,	138.00
Robert Newman, labor,	79.63
John Newman, labor,	8.75
John Noonan, labor,	65.63
James Noonan, labor,	39.38
Barney Galligan, labor,	42.88
Louis Hutchins, labor,	29.75
John Newman, use of team,	36.90
Everett H. Horton, use of team,	20.50

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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W. L. Presbrey, cement, scythes, etc.,	6.28
Mason Machine Works, markers,	45.00
Pierce Hardware Co., lawn seed,	3.20
Lyman Mason, rakes, shovel, etc.,	4.85
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	2.00
J. E. Sumers, wheelbarrows and picks,	4.60
Munro Plumbing Co., supplies and labor,	32.85
George B. Anthony, painting,	1.35
Clark P. Borden, plants,	20.50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.84
E. H. Horton, manure,	18.38
William H. Tyndall, ladder and freight,	3.60
Spaulding Print Paper Co., prints,	12.48
A. T. Story & Co., ashes,	30.00
Samuel Dexter, dressing,	3.75
John Newman, sod,	12.00
P. Williams & Co., grass seed,	4.48
Taunton Greenhouses, labor,	2.00

 \$1656.03

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, salary,	\$25.00
Everard O. Wilmarth, labor,	75.00
Charles L. Reed, labor,	7.00
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	5.00
F. W. Hayman, paint and labor,	15.33

 \$127.33

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, labor,	\$135.00
Richard P. Briggs, use of team,	6.00

 \$141.00

WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, labor,	\$41.00
Charles L. Reed, labor,	46.65
Joseph Moran, labor,	33.35
James Bryem, labor,	2.63
Charles L. Reed, use of team,	3.94
Spaulding Print Paper Co., prints,	1.83
Ashley & Fields Express Co., express,	.15
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	5.00
N. H. Skinner Co., duck, denim, etc.,	13.23
A. T. Story & Co., labor,	8.59
John C. Walker, tool-house, etc.,	76.00
F. R. Washburn, wheelbarrow, edger, etc.,	4.00
F. W. Hayman, paint and labor,	9.88
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	\$246.25

KING CEMETERY.

Benjamin S. Bosworth, labor,	\$3.00
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CASWELL STREET CEMETERY.

Patrick R. Scanlon, labor,	\$10.00
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NORTH TAUNTON CEMETERY.

Palmer Lincoln, labor,	\$17.42
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

H. L. Davis Co., typewriter, labor, etc.,	\$90.10
Emery Record Preserving Co., book,	12.00
Mary W. Waterman, clerical work,	57.80
The Harrington Press, printing,	4.75
Charles S. Anthony, travelling expenses,	2.40
Church & Burt, use of team,	2.50
F. C. Childs, use of team,	3.00
Spaulding Print Paper Co., prints,	1.62
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	\$174.17
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	\$2375.20

Total receipts,	\$2375.25
Total expenditures,	2375.20
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Balance unexpended,	\$.05

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts for parks,	\$1100.00
Total receipts for shade trees,	2109.59
Total receipts for cemeteries,	2375.25
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Aggregate receipts,	\$5584.84
Total expenditures for parks,	\$1099.71
Total expenditures for shade trees,	2055.80
Total expenditures for cemeteries,	2375.20
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Aggregate expenditures,	\$5530.71
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Total balance unexpended,	\$54.13

VALUATION OF PUBLIC PARKS AND CEMETERIES.

PARKS.

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.00
Church Green, 11-20 acres,	10,000.00
Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.00
Grace Church Triangle, 1800 sq. ft.,	500.00
Tweed Triangle,	250.00
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	\$71,750.00

CEMETERIES.

Plain Cemetery, 6 4-10 acres,	\$25,000.00
Mayflower Hill, 58 acres,	10,000.00
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.00

Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1000.00
Summer Street, 1 acre,	2,500.00
Tremont Street, 1-2 acre,	500.00
Crane Avenue, 1-2 acre,	50.00
Caswell, Middleboro Ave., 1 83-100 acres,	2,000.00
Caswell Street, E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.00
Westville, 5 acres,	2,500.00
King, 1 1-4 acres,	50.00
Staples Street,	200.00
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	\$45,050.00
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	\$116,800.00

LIST OF TOOLS.

2 full sets of ladders.
 1 full set of ladders less 1 extension ladder.
 3 axes.
 3 handles.
 3 saws.
 2 pair climbers.
 2 oil cups.
 1 hatchet.
 3 pumps and tanks.
 Hose.
 Reed pipes.
 Nozzles, ropes, etc.
 Disparene (insect poison).

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. ANTHONY, FRANK L. FISH, WILLIAM W. WATERMAN, NATHAN NEWBURY, WILLIAM REED,	} } } } }	Park Commissioners.
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OF THE
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CHURCH GREEN.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

*To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of
the City Council:*

In accordance with the Statute of the Commonwealth, the Park Commissioners herewith submit their annual report for the year ending November 30, 1903.

PARKS.

Taunton Green, Church Green, Grace Church Triangle, Tweed Triangle and Woodward Spring Park have been well cared for. At the latter park tilting boards for the children have been added and more flowering vines have been planted on the side hill; and our national flag has been procured and displayed, to remain there during the summer seasons. This park still maintains its popularity. The Norton and Taunton Electric Railway Company provided entertainment for the visitors on several occasions.

The Taunton Greenhouses have had charge of Taunton Green the past year with the result of a continuous display of flowers in the beds the entire season.



Entrance to Woodward Spring Park.

ELM LEAF BEETLES.

Last year we fought this enemy to almost death and destruction and were successful in saving our beautiful trees throughout our city. We thought it would be wise and judicious to continue the work, and represented to the City Council that if we had a small appropriation, as we had the tools and apparatus, we could practically exterminate them. But we failed to get the appropriation, and so we did nothing except in one or two cases with private individuals. As the season wore on the beetles did not make their appearance in so large a force as had been looked for, due more to the cold, wet weather we had in May and June than to the disposition of the beetles. If the coming summer should be warm and dry we are liable to have them return again in large numbers.

In February we arranged with the Massachusetts Agricultural College for a lecture in Historical Hall, on "Shade Trees and their Enemies," by Prof. A. H. Kirkland of Boston. Owing to a severe snow storm, there were but a very few present. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views, and was very instructive.

SHADE TREES.

The usual amount of trimming has been done the past year. The greatest loss of trees has been on West Britannia Street, where thirteen trees were killed by gas from leaking gas pipes, and they had to be taken down. While perhaps from a legal point of view the

Gas Company is not liable, so long as the city gives it permission to go through the streets, yet the Board is of the opinion that corporations should in some way remunerate the city for the destruction of its property.

Much work is needed to be done on the trees throughout the city, and a special appropriation should be made for that purpose, as the Statutes provide.

PUBLIC PLAY GROUNDS.

We still reiterate, as in former years, the actual need of public play grounds in our city. During the early part of the year, Alderman Galligan introduced an order for a committee to be appointed to consider the matter. So far as known no report has been made. There is an opportunity for some public spirited citizen to do honor to himself and the city by presenting suitable land for that purpose, so that children may not be obliged to resort to the streets to play ball.

CEMETERIES.

The old cemeteries, Summer Street, Caswell Street, North Taunton, the old Plain on Broadway, Staples Street and King Cemeteries, as well as Oakland and Westville have all been well cared for.

Pine Hill is one of the best kept of our suburban cemeteries.

Mayflower Hill still leads in our public cemeteries. The trouble with the water service has been remedied

for a while, but a better system must soon be introduced. Early in the year the Commissioners felt justified in raising the price of lots ten dollars. A new section, number nineteen, has been laid out with nearly 80 new lots. It is practically completed with a fine avenue. The first interment in this cemetery was in 1862 and since then the records show thirty-three hundred interments. There have been one hundred and seventy interments in this cemetery the past year; in Pine Hill ten, in Oakland thirteen and in Westville seventeen.

The number of endowed lots in all the cemeteries is one hundred and sixty-eight; of which thirteen were endowed the past year in Mayflower Hill, one in Pine Hill, and two in Westville.

Records of all interments and lot owners in all the public cemeteries are being made in suitable books, to be kept in the office of the Park Commissioners for reference. Those for Mayflower Hill, Pine Hill and Oakland are practically completed.

It is interesting to notice the familiar names, of to-day, of those who lived before the Revolution. Of the forty-six persons buried at Pine Hill from 1750 to 1800, thirty-four bore the name of Dean, the others Williams and Macomber. The first one buried was named Stevens, sometime previous to 1750—exact date not known.

Since this report was prepared the cemetery situated off Plain Street at the Weir has just been deeded to the city, and will come under the charge of the Park Commissioners.



VIEW IN MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

Financial Statement.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1100.00
Transfer from Care of Shade Trees,	.49
Eugene P. Bassett, use of apparatus,	.80
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	\$1101.29

EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

Taunton Greenhouses, care and materials,	\$388.00
Thomas McKoune & Son, labor and carting,	40.95
F. R. Washburn, broom,	.50
New England Anchor Fence Co., guard fence,	9.00
The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.25
Pierce Hardware Co., paint,	2.33
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	.25
George B. Anthony, painting,	2.56
Harmon & Hopkins, cement and labor,	8.49
W. R. Park & Son, stock and labor,	24.27
W. L. Presbrey, sprinkler,	1.25
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	5.60
F. G. Lindsey, labor,	1.25
John Newman, labor,	1.75
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	\$486.45

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Henry W. Woodward, labor,	\$67.62
Henry W. Woodward, police duty,	20.00
S. H. Mayo Furniture Co., chairs,	5.00
F. R. Washburn, flag, rope, ashes, etc.,	14.26
Clark P. Borden, plants,	5.50
A. T. Story & Co., Wichuraina roses and planting,	27.80
The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.25
A. E. Quillen, labor,	5.50
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	.25
Eugene P. Bassett, stock and labor,	20.25
John C. Walker, tilts,	20.00
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	\$186.43

CHURCH GREEN.

Michael Shea, care,	\$35.00
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GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

F. G. Lindsey, ashes, seed, labor,	\$15.23
Grace M. E. Church, water,	5.00
Clemens Teaming Co., carting,	.75
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	\$20.98

TWEED TRIANGLE.

F. G. Lindsey, labor,	\$4.35
Thomas McKoune & Son, labor,	1.60
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	\$5.95

SHADE TREES.

Eugene P. Bassett, labor,	\$231.50
F. G. Lindsey, paint, cement, labor,	16.10
A. T. Story & Co. trees and planting,	9.10
Gifford & Co., oil,	.80
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	\$257.50

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Davenport & Mason's Express,	\$.15
Church & Burt, use of team,	2.00
Davol Printing House, printing,	18.00
Mary W. Waterman, clerical services,	62.20
Dissell Publishing Co., annotations,	2.00
A. J. Barker, stationery,	7.98
Chas. S. Anthony, postage and traveling expenses,	3.90
John. W. Robertson, keys and labor,	1.15
Glenwood Furnishing Co., chair,	5.50
Wm. W. Waterman, traveling expenses,	3.05
Emery Record Preserving Co., titling books,	1.50
Arch M. Fitch, photographs,	1.50
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	\$108.93

\$1101.24

Total Receipts,	\$1101.29
Total expenditures,	1101.24

Balance unexpended, \$.05

CARE AND PRESERVATION OF SHADE TREES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1902,	\$53.79
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EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Kirkland, expenses,	\$1.90
W. H. Drew, expenses,	2.10
City Hotel, lodging and board for the same,	5.00
Old Colony Historical Society, use of hall,	5.00
Taunton Herald News, advertising,	6.00
Wm. Reed & Sons' Co., advertising,	4.75
Davol Printing House, printing,	4.00
F. C. Childs, hack,	.50
Davenport & Mason's Express,	.90
E. C. Ware, labor, hose, screens, etc.,	23.15
Park Department, transfer,	.49
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	\$53.79

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1000.00
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MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, sale of lots,	\$1605.00
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PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, sale of lots,	\$30.00
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OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of lots,	\$18.00
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WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of lots,	\$50.00
Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of hay and loam,	7.00
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	\$57.00
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	\$2710.00

EXPENDITURES.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, salary and labor,	\$456.00
William Newman, labor,	148.00
James Simmons, labor,	209.14
John Hinchey, labor,	282.66
John Conway, labor,	269.51
Arthur Jones, labor,	202.15
Thomas Allen, labor,	136.50
Irving Haskins, labor,	24.50
Robert Newman, labor,	19.25
John Noonan, labor,	17.50
John Newman, labor and use of team,	109.00
Lyman Mason, rakes,	1.15
Bomgardner Lowering Device Co., lowering device,	75.00
O. B. Wilbur, labor,	2.25
W. L. Presbrey, scythes, rakes, etc.,	14.06
P. Williams & Co., lawn seed,	12.69
Munro Plumbing Co., stock and labor,	7.63
E. H. Horton, dressing and plowing,	47.60
Clark P. Borden, plants,	25.50
Henry Bullock, painting,	3.00
William H. Tyndal, allowance on exchange of lots,	15.00
F. R. Washburn, ash barrels and paint,	15.01
James Booth, stock and labor,	4.75
George B. Anthony, painting,	8.25
Taunton Water Works, stock and labor,	7.24
Albright & Lightcap, markers,	10.00
Taunton Teaming Co., teaming,	76.65
John Newman, soil,	12.00
Taunton Construction Co., concrete,	5.00

\$2216.99

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, labor,	\$115.30
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OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, salary and labor,	\$103.50
Charles L. Reed, labor,	8.75
George S. Jones, labor,	2.50
George B. Anthony, painting,	1.50
Patrick Finn, painting,	1.35
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	5.00
N. H. Skinner Co., demin covering,	5.50
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	27.56
F. R. Washburn, paint,	2.18
F. W. Hayman, paint and labor,	4.48
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	\$162.32

WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, labor,	\$64.00
Charles L. Reed, labor,	8.75
F. R. Washburn, shovel, rakes, etc.,	3.86
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	2.50
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	27.56
F. W. Hayman, paint and labor,	4.70
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	\$111.37

KING CEMETERY.

William H. Borden, labor,	\$3.00
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CASWELL STREET CEMETERY.

Patrick R. Scanlon, labor,	\$10.56
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NORTH TAUNTON CEMETERY.

Palmer Lincoln, labor,	\$.96
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STAPLES STREET BURYING GROUND.

Charles G. Staples, labor,	\$9.25
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

E. D. Tisdale & Son, badges,	\$3.40
Mary W. Waterman, clerical services,	67.00
A. J. Barker, stationery,	7.10
Chas. S. Anthony, traveling expenses,	2.69
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	\$80.19

\$2709.94

Total Receipts,	\$2710.00
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Total expenditures,	2709.94
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Balance unexpended,	\$.06
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts for parks,	\$1101.29
Total receipts for shade trees,	53.79
Total receipts for cemeteries,	2710.00
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Aggregate receipts,	\$3865.08

Total expenditures for parks,	\$1101.24
Total expenditures for shade trees,	53.79
Total expenditures for cemeteries,	2709.94
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Aggregate expenditures,	\$3864.97

Total balance unexpended,	\$.11
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VALUATION OF PUBLIC PARKS and CEMETERIES.**PARKS.**

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.00
Church Green, 11-20 acres,	10,000.00
Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.00
Grace Church Triangle, 1800 sq. ft.	500.00
Tweed Triangle,	250.00
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	\$71,750.00

CEMETERIES.

Plain Cemetery, 6 4-10 acres,	\$25,000.00
Mayflower Hill, 58 acres,	10,000.00
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.00
Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1,000.00
Summer Street, 1 acre,	2,500.00
Tremont Street, 1-2 acre,	500.00
Crane Avenue, 1-2 acre,	50.00
Caswell, Middleboro Ave., 1 83-100 acres,	2,000.00
Caswell Street, E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.00
Westville, 5 acres,	2,500.00
King, 1 1-4 acres,	50.00
Staples Street, 2 79-100 acres,	200.00
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	\$45,050.00
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	\$116,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. ANTHONY, WILLIAM W. WATERMAN, NATHAN NEWBURY, FRANK L. FISH, WILLIAM REED,	} <i>Park</i> <i>Commissioners.</i>
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VIEW IN MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

Financial Statement.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1100.00
Transfer from Care of Shade Trees,	.49
Eugene P. Bassett, use of apparatus,	.80
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	\$1101.29

EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

Taunton Greenhouses, care and materials,	\$388.00
Thomas McKoune & Son, labor and carting,	40.95
F. R. Washburn, broom,	.50
New England Anchor Fence Co., guard fence,	9.00
The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	.25
Pierce Hardware Co., paint,	2.33
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	.25
George B. Anthony, painting,	2.56
Harmon & Hopkins, cement and labor,	8.49
W. R. Park & Son, stock and labor,	24.27
W. L. Presbrey, sprinkler,	1.25
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	5.60
F. G. Lindsey, labor,	1.25
John Newman, labor,	1.75
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	\$486.45



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1904

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CHURCH GREEN.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Taunton:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Park Commissioners submits herewith its annual report for the year ending November 30, 1904.

The membership and organization of the Board remained the same as recorded in last year's report.

PARKS.

The public parks have received the attention necessary for their proper care and their maintenance in good condition. Improvements that seemed the most serviceable have been made, so far as the means at our disposal would admit.

The avenues through TAUNTON GREEN have been thoroughly repaired and put in most excellent condition.

WOODWARD SPRING PARK continues to be a popular summer resort; and during the last season was more largely patronized than ever before.



Entrance to Woodward Spring Park.

SHADE TREES.

It requires much continued attention and work to properly trim the young and rapidly growing trees, and to remove the dead and decaying wood from the old trees, and keep them in safe and attractive condition; and at the same time provide for the protection of the trees in the streets from injury by horses, etc.

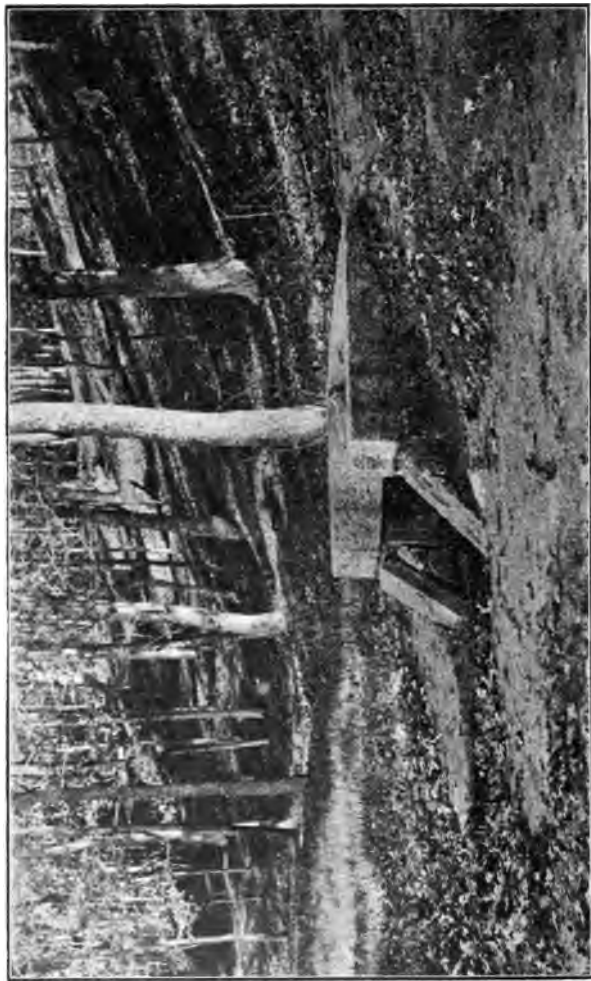
All this ought to be done. Yet during the last year the Board has felt obliged to limit the work in this department to such removal of dead trees and such trimming as seemed absolutely necessary for safety, and to pay the bills from the regular appropriation for parks; although the appropriation asked for and granted to that department was no larger than the parks really needed for excellence in their work and improvement.

In making the appropriations for 1904, the City Council somehow failed to grant our request for three hundred dollars for the care, preservation and improvement of the public shade trees.

CEMETERIES.

The city cemeteries in charge of the Board have received the usual care and attention; and are now, for the most part, in good condition.

The long felt need of better water service in MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY has been remedied. A four inch main pipe has been laid, connecting with the entering pipe near the building not far from the Broadway entrance, and continuing one thousand feet



WOODWARD SPRING.

through the center of the cemetery. It is thought that through this service an abundant supply of water can be furnished for distribution to all the sections.

The new section, number nineteen, to which reference was made in our last report, has been completed. It provides for seventy-seven lots, eleven of which have been sold already.

The appearance of this cemetery has been made pleasing and attractive ; and it has come to be visited frequently by many of our citizens, and often by persons from abroad.

If the Commissioners could have at their disposal an appropriation suitable for the purpose, it would be desirable, and in the long run economical, to have the useless trees and brush in the unimproved portion of this cemetery removed, a topographical survey made with reference to elevations and depressions, and a plan prepared in accordance therewith in advance ; showing also the various avenues and sections throughout the whole ground ; so that all the subsequent making of avenues and sections may be in harmony with the plan as a whole. A proper regard to beauty renders it desirable to imitate nature in its variations of surface, so far as this can be done with a due regard to drainage and utility.

The cemeteries in the eastern part of the City have received their customary care.

The new part of the STAPLES STREET BURYING GROUND has been surveyed and laid out in lots.

The old burial place on CASWELL STREET has been cleared of bushes and kept in presentable appearance.



View in Mayflower Hill Cemetery.

At PINE HILL CEMETERY the last piece of ground in the present inclosure has been filled and turned into available lots. Next year it will probably be necessary to clear some of the wild land adjoining, as the beauty of the well-kept cemetery attracts lot buyers. The City owns land enough here to serve for many years.

OAKLAND CEMETERY is one of the oldest still having lots for sale. The original burying ground was a small piece of land donated for burial purposes by William Briggs in 1729. It was part of his farm and was nearly in the form of a right-angle triangle, the base being on what is now Glebe Street.

Two burials were made there in 1729. The first was that of William Briggs, the father of the donor. The grave-stone gives the date of his death as Jan. 3, 1728, in the eighty-third year of his age. This date corresponds to Jan. 14, 1729, in our present reckoning. The second burial was that of Elizabeth (Kingsbury), wife of William Briggs, who died Nov. 27, 1729, present reckoning.

This cemetery has been enlarged twice, now comprising five acres, and it is well laid out, is supplied with city water, and is in good condition.

In WESTVILLE CEMETERY more interments were made and more lots sold than in any other city cemetery except Mayflower Hill.

This is also one of the oldest cemeteries still in use. It originally included only the small tract of land on Winthrop Street, now in the northwest corner, and was known as "The Neighborhood Burying Ground."

It is not definitely known just when the earliest burials were made; but on one of the grave-stones of the first family buried there, we are able to decipher the name "Reed" and the date "1787". In 1846, this burying ground was enlarged by the purchase of two acres of land from Joseph Reed; and the first interment in the then new part, was that of the wife of Rev. Alvan Cobb.

On coming into the possession of the City, in 1900, another tract of a little more than two acres of land was added; so that this cemetery now extends from Winthrop Street to Cohannet Street, the carriage entrance being on Cohannet Street.

This cemetery is growing in popular favor; and is coming to be regarded as one of our best cemeteries.

The EAST WEIR CEMETERY was accepted by the City in December, 1903—having been conveyed to the City of Taunton by a deed from The East Weir Village Cemetery Association.

It has an area of one acre and a half, and is the same tract of land as that conveyed to said association by a deed from George W. Williams, December 6, 1849. It contains ninety-six burial lots, most of which are occupied.

The piece of land in the northeast corner, known as "The Williams Lot," was used as a family burying ground before this cemetery was laid out. Several interments were made before 1849; the earliest of which was that of Ann Williams, in 1797. This lot was in the custody of the late Lewis Williams.

This cemetery has naturally a pleasing appearance, and is well laid out on a systematic plan with avenues and lots. But it had come to be badly neglected. A fund of \$229.79, however, was transferred to the City when the deed was given; of which the sum of \$125.33 has already been expended on needed improvements.

Many of the lots had been, and now are, nicely cared for by their owners or custodians; and some hitherto neglected lots have recently been put in good condition. It is hoped that this good work by the custodians of lots will be extended until every part of the cemetery presents a well kept and pleasing appearance.

EXPENDITURES.

The smallness of the appropriations usually made for parks and cemeteries precludes any large work beyond the line of maintaining them in proper condition. In view of the needs of the City in other directions, and of its financial condition, the Board believes it unwise that any large extra expenditure be undertaken. A judicious expenditure of sums like those granted last year in the annual appropriations, will probably continue the proper maintenance and reasonable improvement of the parks and cemeteries now under the care of the City.

It is evident, however, if the matter be taken into thoughtful consideration, that it is impracticable to do what ought to be accomplished in the care, preser-

vation and improvement of the many shade trees in our custody throughout the City, without a corresponding increase of expenditures. It is urgently hoped that when making the estimate for the annual appropriations the City Council and its Finance Committee will take into especial account the needs of our shade trees.

To this end, we recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the care, preservation and improvement of the public shade trees during the year 1905.

Financial Statement.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,100.00
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EXPENDITURES.

TAUNTON GREEN.

Taunton Greenhouses, care and materials,	\$425.00
A. T. Story & Co., wood ashes and labor,	34.50
George B. Anthony, paint and labor,	8.75
J. Borious, labor,	4.00
Pierce Hardware Co., paint,	8.37
Harmon & Hopkins, cement and labor,	4.90
W. R. Park & Son, stock and labor,	23.80
Taunton Water Works, stock and labor,	3.86
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	2.20
John B. Sullivan, granite post,	20.00
Wm. R. Black, gravel and labor,	90.50
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	\$625.88

WOODWARD SPRING PARK.

Henry W. Woodward, labor,	\$65.75
Michael T. Fitzgerald, police duty,	20.00
Wm. H. Bartlett, Post 3, G. A. R., settees,	30.00
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	1.50
Joseph Breck & Sons, grass seed,	2.00
Ashley & Field Express Co., express,	.25
F. G. Lindsey, labor,	2.50
A. T. Story & Co., plants and labor,	15.50
Clark P. Borden, plants,	5.50
Eugene P. Bassett, labor,	10.00
Albert C. Francis, settees,	3.00
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	8.45
William King, settee,	1.50
A. E. Quillen, labor,	6.50
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	\$172.45

CHURCH GREEN.

Michael Shea, care,	\$35.00
A. T. Story & Co., wood ashes and labor,	8.25
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	\$43.25

GRACE CHURCH TRIANGLE.

F. G. Lindsey, dressing, seed, labor,	\$22.64
Grace M. E. Church, water,	3.01
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	\$25.65

TWEED TRIANGLE.

F. G. Lindsey, stock and labor,	\$3.81
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SHADE TREES.

Eugene P. Bassett, labor,	\$163.89
Brownell & Burt, stock and labor,	5.75
A. T. Story & Co., tree,	3.50
F. R. Washburn, tree pruner and window cord,	1.83
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	\$174.97

GENERAL EXPENSES.

A. J. Barker, stationery,	\$5.15
H. L. Davis Co., typewriter ribbon,	.75
Mary W. Waterman, clerical assistance,	33.60
Davol Printing House, printing,	7.90
Wm. W. Waterman, traveling expenses,	2.20
Dissell Publishing Co., annotations,	1.00
Church & Burt, use of team,	1.50
Eugene P. Bassett, labor,	1.50
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	\$53.60
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	\$1,099.61
Total receipts,	\$1,100.00
Total expenditures,	1,099.61
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Balance unexpended,	\$.39
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,200.00
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MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, sale of lots,	\$1,585.00
William H. Tyndal, tomb rent,	34.00
Chas. S. Anthony, Chairman,	11.23
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	\$1,630.23

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, sale of lots,	\$32.00
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WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of lots,	\$100.00
Everard O. Wilmarth, sale of hay,	4.00
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	\$104.00

EAST WEIR CEMETERY.

The East Weir Village Cemetery Association,	\$229.79
Miss Lizzie Bell, care of lot,	2.00
Mrs. Walter S. Congdon, care of lot,	2.00
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	\$233.79
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	\$3,200.02

EXPENDITURES.

MAYFLOWER HILL CEMETERY.

William H. Tyndal, salary and labor,	\$404.00
John Hinchey, labor.	273.90
John Conway, labor,	267.76
James Simmons, labor,	200.39
Valentine Bassett, labor,	151.39
William Newman, labor.	145.00
Irving F. Haskins, labor,	65.64
Frederick Kenyon, labor,	30.63
Benjamin McAvoy, labor,	25.38
John Drum, labor,	21.00
Richard Phillips, labor,	19.25
Frank Williams, labor,	15.75
Roswell Delano, labor,	10.50
Thomas Allen, labor,	1.75
C. O. Baker, painting,	1.75
John Newman, use of team,	59.25
W. L. Presbrey, lawn mower, hoes, axes, etc.,	16.75
O. B. Wilbur, stock and labor,	36.04
P. Williams & Co., grass seed,	14.50
A. T. Story & Co., wood ashes,	74.00
Clark P. Borden, plants,	28.50
Patrick Murray, dressing.	40.13
E. H. Horton, dressing,	15.50
William H. Burke, dressing,	9.40
Munro Plumbing Co., stock and labor,	15.69
George B. Anthony, painting,	1.00
Mason Machine Works, markers,	3.40
Taunton Water Works, stock and labor,	381.38
Pierce Hardware Co., hoes, trimmer, etc.,	6.10
Henry Bullock, painting,	1.50
Taunton Teaming Co., carting,	13.50
Wm. H. Tyndal, sods, allowance on exchange of lots,	52.00

\$2,402.71

PINE HILL CEMETERY.

Richard P. Briggs, labor,	\$129.00
A. K. Williams, filling and carting,	40.75
E. F. Rose, plants,	1.20
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	\$170.95

OAKLAND CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, salary and labor,	\$92.00
Charles Hill, labor,	7.00
Joseph Cayer, labor,	7.00
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	5.00
F. R. Washburn, shovels and rake,	2.80
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	\$113.80

WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Everard O. Wilmarth, labor.	\$68.00
Charles Hill, labor,	7.00
Joseph Cayer, labor,	5.25
George S. Jones, labor,	4.00
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	3.18
John C. Walker, stock and labor,	26.13
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	\$113.56

KING CEMETERY.

William H. Borden, labor,	\$3.50
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CASWELL STREET CEMETERY.

Patrick R. Scanlon, labor,	\$10.50
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NORTH TAUNTON CEMETERY.

Palmer Lincoln, labor,	\$23.25
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STAPLES STREET BURYING GROUND.

A. G. Williams & Co., stakes and carting,	\$9.75
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EAST WEIR CEMETERY.

Frederick C. Steierberg, labor,	\$102.00
The Stiles & Hart Brick Co., loam,	6.50
Levi K. Pratt, carting,	6.50
Frederick C. Steierberg, grass seed, loam, salt,	5.33
Taunton Water Works, water rates,	5.00
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	\$125.33

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Taunton Post Office, stamps,	\$2.00
Davol Printing House, printing,	23.00
Mary W. Waterman, clerical assistance,	160.35
A. J. Barker, index case and cards, stationery,	36.55
Wm. W. Waterman, traveling expenses,	1.80
Chas. S. Anthony, traveling expenses,	1.70
So. Mass. Telephone Co., use of telephone,	.20
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	\$225.60

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Total receipts,	\$3,200.02	
Total expenditures,	3,198.95	
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Balance unexpended,		\$1.07

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Total receipts for parks,	\$1,100.00
Total receipts for cemeteries,	3,200.02
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Aggregate receipts,	\$4,300.02
Total expenditures for parks,	\$1,099.61
Total expenditures for cemeteries,	3,198.95
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Aggregate expenditures,	\$4,298.56
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Total balance unexpended,	\$1.46

VALUATION OF PUBLIC PARKS and CEMETERIES.**PARKS.**

Taunton Green, 1 acre,	\$60,000.00
Church Green, 11-20 acres,	10,000.00
Woodward Spring, 6 acres,	1,000.00
Grace Church Triangle, 1800 sq. ft.,	500.00
Tweed Triangle,	250.00
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	\$71, 750.00

CEMETERIES.

Plain Cemetery, 6 4-10 acres,	\$25,000.00
Mayflower Hill, 58 acres,	10,000.00
Oakland, 5 acres,	1,200.00
Pine Hill, 3 acres,	1,000.00
Summer Street, 1 acre,	2,500.00
Tremont Street, 1-2 acre,	500.00
Crane Avenue, 1-2 acre,	50.00
Caswell, Middleboro Ave., 1 83-100 acres,	500.00
Caswell Street, E. Taunton, 1 1-2 acres,	50.00
Westville, 5 acres,	2,500.00
King, 1 1-4 acres,	50.00
Staples Street, 2 79-100 acres,	200.00
North Taunton, 78-100 acres,	100.00
East Weir, 1 1-2 acres,	800.00
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	\$44,450.00
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	\$116,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

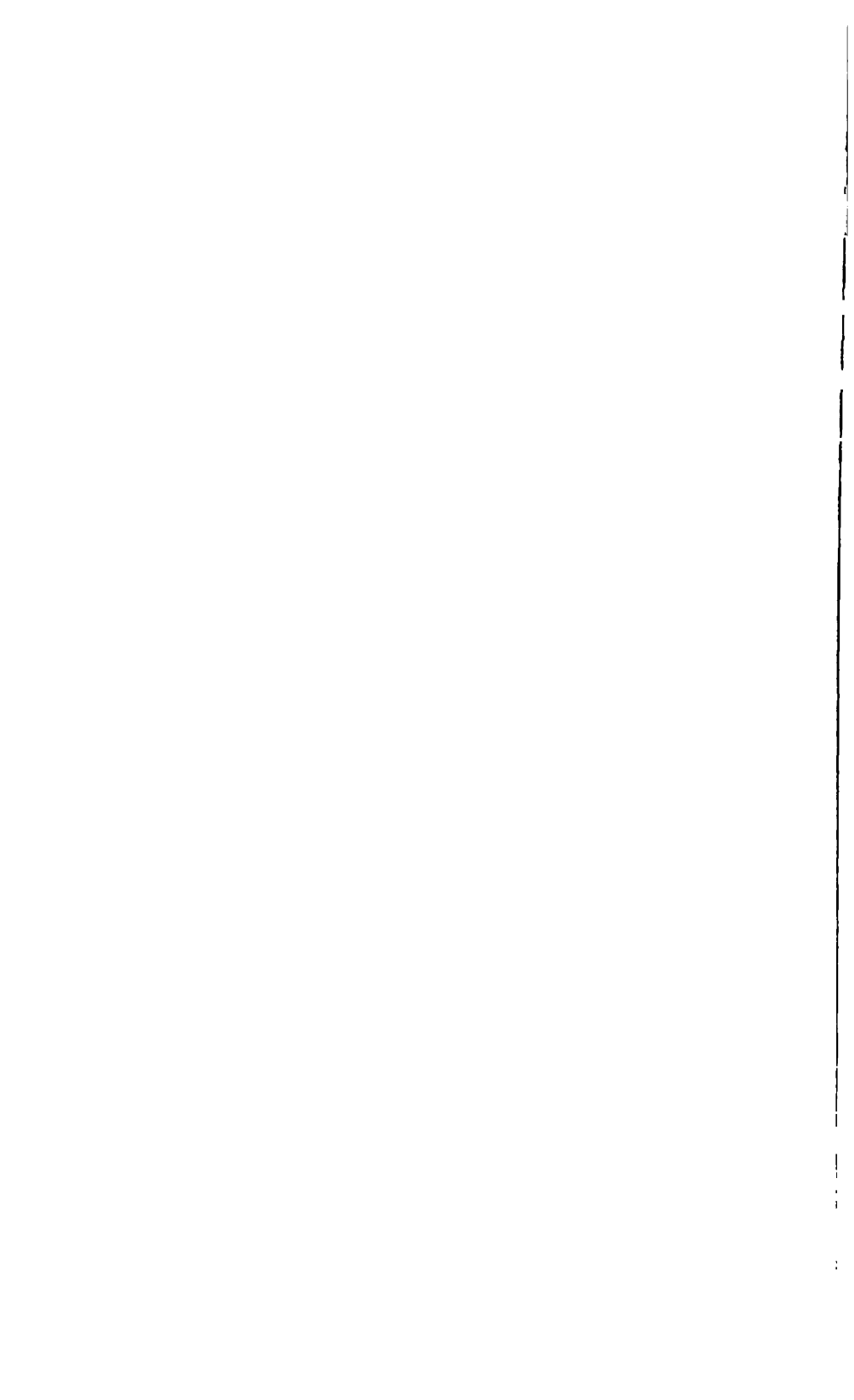
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